

Wheels run more smoothly down the Erms

Backroom inventor company with Swabian virtues

Mountains to the left and right, strange rock formations, orchard meadows on the slopes; countless cherry trees; and in the Erms valley floor decorated half-timbered houses; many witnesses to history; the Rulaman, an interesting cultural and leisure programme. That's Dettingen – in short, an environment that awakens creativity. The companies that are based there regularly put this to the test – including TBT.

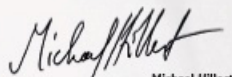
"Regional planning points to the fact that Dettingen is a special commercial location", says Mayor Michael Hillert. "And that's not without a reason", he adds with a grin. Not least that's because of the Erms. Gustav Werner, protestant pastor and immortalised in the foundation named after him, opened the "Papierfabrik zum Bruderhaus" in 1861. That was the start. Why here? Quite simply, the Erms always flowed a bit more rapidly briskly than comparable waters courses. As a result, even then it provided machines dependent on water power with sufficient motive power. And this is still a factor today:

there are currently about 500 commercial enterprises headquartered in a community of 9,200 inhabitants. Its favourable commercial situation also means that Dettingen has a positive commuter balance. The Mayor is happy: "The number of people who have come to Dettingen to work is about 1,200. That's a lot more than those who drive to other villages."

If then, as a community, you also have employers among your ranks who play a leading role in the world market, that has great value in itself. So naturally the Mayor and the local council are interested in what is produced in TBT's halls. "We place value on getting to know our businesses. That is important, not least when having to make decisions when support is requested." However, support is something that relies on reciprocity. When social commitment is called for, then we can rely on help from the companies in the area. Michael Hillert is certain that TBT's efforts are acknowledged and appreciated by the local population.

The Mayor continues: "When you go through the production hall at TBT then you feel that you are in a typically inventive business in which the Swabian virtues are still alive. Being down-to-earth and measured still carry a lot of weight round here. As I see it, TBT can be very satisfied with what they have achieved so far,

For their 50th anniversary, I wish for the company that they can carry on working as they have done in former years,


Michael Hillert
Mayor of Dettingen/Erms

Greeting

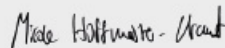
Baden-Württemberg is home to a wide range of innovative small- and medium-sized businesses, including many family-run industrial companies, many of which are market leaders around the world. The reason that there are such successful and globally competitive medium-sized industries throughout this German State is their commitment to precision, the highest quality, the use of the latest technologies and highly trained employees.

It has been said that those who stop striving to better themselves eventually lose the good qualities they had. Baden-Württemberg has always kept this firmly in mind as it works on innovative, high-quality products, processes and services, securing good long-term employment prospects in the process. This sector makes a significant contribution to Baden-Württemberg's status as one of the most innovative regions in the world, with a research intensity of 4.8%. Creativity and ingenuity are the greatest advantages when it comes to competing on a global level and help strengthen the productive capabilities of Baden-Württemberg.

TBT Tiefbohrtechnik GmbH & Co is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2016. It is headquartered in Dettingen am der Erms where it has nestled amongst the foothills of the Swabian Alps since its inception. The company specialises in the niche field of deep hole drilling, which helped it to unlock the market within a relatively short space of time

thanks to this pioneering production technology. Today, TBT Tiefbohrtechnik is a market leader in industrial deep hole drilling technology and is present around the globe. Being a one-stop source for everything related to deep hole drilling, such as strategy, machinery, tools, services and solutions has given the company its competitive edge. A key aspect in this success is their highly skilled and motivated workforce, coupled with a long-term corporate strategy supported by the family-run Nagel Group.

My congratulations go to the board of managers, the employees and the shareholders on the special occasion of the company's anniversary. Your skills make TBT Tiefbohrtechnik a prime example of efficiency, a global outlook and commitment to the region; qualities which characterise medium-sized industrial enterprises throughout Baden-Württemberg. This region needs the innovation and dependability of family-run industrial companies to ensure it remains a forerunner in technological developments and innovative applications for the production technology of tomorrow.



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