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GrindingHub 2024 now bigger and more international

Second event requiring addition of further hall

Frankfurt am Main, 16 November 2023. – Six months before the event opens, it is already clear that the next GrindingHub will be bigger and more international. 375 companies from 28 countries have already secured a place at the trade fair for grinding technology from 14 to 17 May 2024 in Stuttgart. This can be seen from the preliminary list of exhibitors, which was recently published on the GrindingHub homepage. Dr. Markus Heering, Executive Director of the organizer, VDW (German Machine Tool Builders' Association), is more than pleased with the positive response: "Expectations for the GrindingHub are naturally high after last year's magnificent launch. We are confident of being able to stage another outstanding leading trade fair for the industry in 2024 given the current level of registrations, the internationality of the exhibitors and the broad scope of the event which covers the entire process chain."

GrindingHub 2024 to be even more international thanks to Asia

The increase in exhibitors from Asia is particularly impressive. The organizers have received just under 50 registrations so far. The first GrindingHub was still suffering from the after effects of the pandemic, whereas freedom of travel has now been restored and companies from all over the world can now make their way to Stuttgart. This is particularly evident among the Chinese: the number of Chinese exhibitors has grown from 4 to 32. China is currently the largest national producer and the largest market for grinding technology. Jiangsu Weize Intelligent Technology based in Liyang City in Jiangsu Province, for example, is exhibiting at GrindingHub for the first time.

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Chen Taoxin, Deputy General Manager at Weize, on participating in the trade fair: "The GrindingHub is a very professional event that is a good fit with our company's trade fair philosophy. We can meet many of our customers there and also see the latest developments in the industry." There is also expected to be a significant increase in visitors from Asia, especially from China and Japan. Stuttgart, as the location of the event, offers ideal conditions for welcoming grinding experts from all over the world. "Our unique location in close proximity to Stuttgart International Airport, the A8 Autobahn and the B27 federal highway means that we are easy to reach for all visitors and exhibitors. As a recent winner of the Sustainability Award, Messe Stuttgart is pleased that the S-Bahn and U-Bahn trains also provide pleasant, environmentally friendly transport at frequent intervals; your admission ticket allows you to use them free of charge," emphasizes Sebastian Schmid, member of the management team of our cooperation partner Messe Stuttgart.

Experience the entire grinding technology value chain live

Various new manufacturing countries have been added, as have individual areas within the grinding process chain. More abrasives manufacturers will be represented in 2024 than at the launch event, for instance. The broad range on show – including everything from the grinding machines themselves to appropriate software tools, process peripherals and measuring and testing systems – raises the appeal of the trade fair for users of grinding technology. Martin Büsch, Head of Marketing for Central Europe at Saint-Gobain Abrasives in Wesseling, manufacturer of all four main categories of abrasives (bonded abrasives, coated abrasives, cutting-off and grinding discs as well as diamond and cBN tools), agrees: "As far as we're concerned, GrindingHub has established itself as the leading trade fair for grinding technology within a very short space of time. And so we see it as an excellent and useful opportunity to engage with our customers, potential interested parties and top-class experts."

Leading trade fair for grinding technology on track for success

"The VDW will begin the layout planning shortly," says Markus Heering from the VDW, describing the next steps. "We are delighted about having to open a fourth hall thanks to the increase in the number of exhibitors. And we'll naturally continue talking to all potential participants that have not yet registered," continues Heering.

Further information is also available on the GrindingHub homepage at www.grindinghub.de.

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Background to GrindingHub in Stuttgart

The GrindingHub 2024 will be held from 14 to 17 May 2024 for the second time in Stuttgart. It runs every two years and is organized by the VDW (German Machine Tool Builders' Association), Frankfurt am Main, in cooperation with Messe Stuttgart and the Schleiftagung, as well as the "Machine Tools" industry sector of Swissmem (Association of the Swiss Mechanical, Electrical and Metal Industries) as institutional patron. Grinding is one of the top 3 manufacturing processes within the machine tool industry in Germany. In 2022, the sector produced machines to the value of 964 million euros, according to official statistics. 74 per cent of these were exported, with about half going to Europe. The largest sales markets are China, the USA and Italy. Internationally, China, Japan and Germany led the world rankings. Worldwide, the grinding technology sector produced 5.5 billion euros worth of machines in 2022.

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