

## PRESS RELEASE



### Schneeberger celebrates its 100th anniversary

#### **A linear century: from a sharpener to a full-service provider in linear technology and mineral casting machine beds**

*This year, the Schneeberger Group from Roggwil in Switzerland is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Since its founding on March 1, 1923, the Swiss company has evolved from manufacturing sharpening equipment for grinding wood milling cutters and knives to becoming a leading full-range supplier in the field of linear technology, ball screws and mineral casting machine beds. The company supplies more than 4,000 customers around the world from the machine tool industry to the solar, semiconductor and electrical industries, medical technology, handling, robotics and many other sectors. The Schneeberger Group is celebrating its successful company history with various anniversary activities for employees and customers.*

On March 1, 1923, Walter Schneeberger-Grütter founded a mechanics workshop in the middle of the village of Roggwil and developed and produced sharpeners for grinding knives and wood milling cutters. In one hundred years, the small mechanics company has become a leading provider in the field of linear bearings thanks to an innovative entrepreneurial spirit, constant further development of the company and the know-how of all its employees.

#### **Pioneering invention 75 years ago**

Innovation starts with recognizing potential customer needs and being receptive to them. When carbide tools were launched on the market in the 1940s, the Schneeberger mechanics company demonstrated its inventive spirit. To be able to grind these new types of tools, the company developed its own smooth-running slides with preloaded roller guideways. That was the very beginning of extremely precise linear bearings. "As an owner-managed company to this day, Schneeberger has always attached great importance to maximum precision, innovation and reliability," says Hans-Martin Schneeberger, Chairman of the Board of Directors and member of the founding family. "75 years ago, it made sense to continue the revolutionary development of linear bearings as an independent product line and to focus entirely on linear technology in the following years," Schneeberger adds. An important milestone emerged in 1992 when Schneeberger was the first provider to develop an integrated measuring system for roller-guided profiled linear guideways. Linear technology for high-tech applications in promising sectors such as the semiconductor industry, medical technology and automation came into being.

## **Moving forward with innovative linear motion technology**

Today, the Schneeberger Group is a pioneer in the field of innovative linear motion technology and a global leader in specific fields of application in the machine tool, solar, semiconductor and electrical industries, medical technology, handling, and robotics, among many others. With 1,400 employees working in the Group, the company will continue to passionately develop, produce and implement solutions of the highest quality as a competent industry partner for its customers. The development of system solutions with linear technology, metrology, ball screws and mineral casting machine beds promises further innovations for high-tech applications. This spring, Schneeberger AG Lineartechnik is launching another world first: The unique Schneeberger Absolute Measuring System (SAM) is another digital step for linear bearings in Industry 4.0, guiding and measuring are integrated in a system solution in the MINIRAIL miniature linear guideway. SAM is currently the smallest integrated absolute measuring system and features plug & play functions.

## **Anniversary book and exhibition**

The 100 years of successful company history will be celebrated with the employees in all 13 sister companies worldwide over the course of the year. An anniversary exhibition with historical documents will be opened to the public on June 17 in the Kulturspycher Roggwil, and on the same day, the 100th anniversary book with interviews and exciting stories will be published.

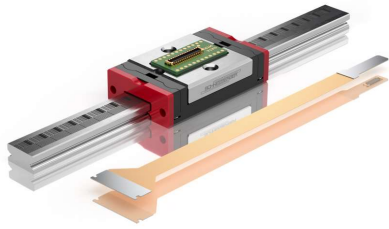
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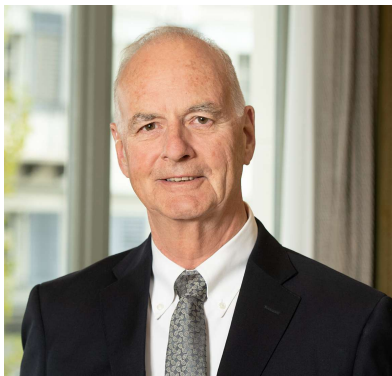
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*P01: 100th anniversary of the SCHNEEBERGER Group. A success story from sharpeners to linear bearings.*



*B02: A world first: The unique SCHNEEBERGER Absolute Measuring System opens new digital applications for the manufacturing industry with guiding and measuring as an integrated system solution as well as plug & play functions.*



*B03: Hans-Martin Schneeberger  
Chairman of the Board of Directors, and owner*



*B04: Stefan Hantke  
President and CEO SCHNEEBERGER Group*

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### **The SCHNEEBERGER Group**

*SCHNEEBERGER® supplies renowned original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) worldwide in a wide range of industries, from machine tools to the solar, semiconductor and electrical industries, medical technology, handling, and robotics, among others. The SCHNEEBERGER Group employs 1,400 people at 11 production sites around the world. More than 4,000 customers rely on the precision, innovation and reliability of SCHNEEBERGER products and services. 90 sales engineers and sales partners take care of individual customer needs and ensure consultation and customer proximity. Linear bearings, profiled linear guideways, measuring systems, gear racks, slides, positioning systems, ball screws and mineral casting are all part of the product and manufacturing range.*

*In 2023, the SCHNEEBERGER Group is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its company history. The company achieved this historic milestone through continuous further development and thanks to the know-how of all its employees.*