

Dürr receives three orders in China worth € 140 million

Bietigheim-Bissingen, October 19, 2009 – The Dürr Group is benefiting from reviving demand from the automotive industry in the booming Chinese market. In the third quarter, the mechanical and plant engineering firm received three major painting system orders worth a total of about € 140 million. Some other large projects for which Dürr is competing will probably be awarded in China in the coming months.

Ralf Dieter, CEO of Dürr AG, says, “The Chinese market is regaining momentum. The pipeline for large projects from the automotive industry is filling at an appreciable pace.” Continuing strong car sales is driving the increase of project volume. From January to September 2009, car sales in China rose by 36% compared with the same period last year. The plus in September amounted to 77%. Dürr is strongly represented in China with 525 employees and a high proportion of local value added.

The largest of the orders received by Dürr, worth about € 85 million, came from FAW-VW, a joint venture between Chinese automaker First Automotive Works and Volkswagen. At FAW-VW’s site in Chengdu, Dürr is building a paint shop for VW models in the compact and midsize segments. Among other things, Dürr is installing there the first fully automated interior painting facility in China with 24 EcoRPL robots. Altogether, 91 Dürr robots will be used in the paint shop for painting, sealing, handling, quality measurement, and other applications. Other highlights of the order include the RoDip dip coating system and the Dürr *EcoDry-Scrubber*, an innovative paint booth system that collects paint overspray in dry filters and makes it possible to reduce energy needed per booth by up to 60%. The order from FAW-VW is already the fourth for the *EcoDry-Scrubber* since Dürr introduced the system one year ago.

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Dürr has received another order, worth about € 30 million, for work at FAW-VW's main plant in Changchun. Production of various Audi models is to begin there in June 2011. Dürr is installing a complete line for car body pretreatment and dip coating with the RoDip rotary painting process. Dürr is also supplying a drying oven, conveyor technology, and ventilation equipment for the building. Primer and top coats are applied in Changchun in an existing Dürr facility.

Dürr's third order from China comes from the FAW-FCC joint venture in Changchun. Dürr is installing systems for pretreatment, dip coating, drying, conveying, and ventilation as well as a complete control room with Dürr EcoEMOS supervisory control technology.

The Dürr Group is a supplier of plant and equipment that commands leading global market positions in its areas of activity. Business with the automotive industry accounts for about 85% of its sales. Dürr also supplies innovative manufacturing and environmental technologies for the aircraft, mechanical engineering, chemical and pharmaceutical industries. The Dürr Group operates in the market through two divisions. The Paint and Assembly Systems division supplies production and painting technologies, mainly for automotive body & chassis manufacturing. The equipment and systems supplied by the Measuring and Process Systems division are used, among other things, for engine and transmission production and for final vehicle assembly. Dürr is present in 44 locations in 20 countries around the world. The Group achieved sales of € 1.6 billion with approximately 6,100 employees in 2008.

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