

Dürr builds environmentally friendly paint shop for SVW in China

Bietigheim-Bissingen, November 16, 2010 – Dürr is building one of the most environmentally friendly automotive paint shops in China for Shanghai SVW. The value of the order, which Dürr is executing in Nanjing, is in the mid-digit million euro range. Shanghai SVW is a joint venture between the Volkswagen Group and the Chinese SAIC Group (Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation).

Key to energy and resource efficiency in Nanjing will be the *EcoDry* Scrubber spray booth system. This innovative Dürr process requires up to 60% less energy than conventional spray booths. It also reduces the amount of fresh water and chemicals needed. The interior and exterior painting is done fully automatically with solvent-free, water-based paint. Dürr is installing 24 *EcoRP* L133 type painting robots for this purpose.

The paint shop, with its very low operating costs, is designed for 31 units per hour; it will be possible to expand it to double this capacity at a later stage. Mid-class Volkswagen and Skoda models are to be painted in Nanjing from October next year.

Dürr AG's CEO Ralf Dieter commented: "In China, too, the trend is now towards sustainable production facilities and processes. We are benefiting from this as we have been focusing on the development of energy and resource-efficient technologies for years. What's more, we can serve our customers in China competently on the spot with our over 800 local employees."

Dürr is a mechanical and plant engineering group that holds leading positions in the world market in its areas of operation. It generates a good 80% of its sales in business with the automotive industry. It furthermore supplies

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the aircraft, machinery, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries with innovative production and environmental technology. The Dürr Group operates in the market with two divisions. The Paint and Assembly Systems division supplies production and painting technology, especially for car bodies. Machinery and systems from the Measuring and Process Systems division are used in engine and transmission manufacturing and in final vehicle assembly, among other areas. Dürr has 48 business locations in 21 countries worldwide. The Group achieved sales of € 1.1 billion with approximately 5,700 employees in 2009.

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