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High-level visit to Linde Material Handling

**Bavarian Prime Minister visits Linde MH's Aschaffenburg production plant**

**Aschaffenburg, November 26, 2024 – On November 25, Bavarian Prime Minister Dr. Markus Söder made a stop in the Lower Main region and visited Linde Material Handling's production plant in Aschaffenburg. Andreas Krinninger, CEO of Linde MH, guided the prominent guest through the state-of-the-art production and forklift assembly.**

Bavarian Prime Minister Dr. Markus Söder: "Linde Material Handling is an industrial champion in Lower Franconia. This is where forklifts are created to perfection with impressive precision and detail. We urgently need a different economic policy that focuses on success and performance. Bavaria is leading the way and is focusing on high-tech promotion and the expansion of the university landscape in order to strengthen the local economy and industry. Instead of subsidies for a few large corporations, we need less bureaucracy and less tax burden for everyone. We wish the employees of Linde Material Handling continued success. You are doing a great job!"

"We are pleased about this visit by our Bavarian father of the state, which was planned long in advance. As the largest employer in the city and region of Aschaffenburg and as one of the world's leading materials handling specialists, we are taking the opportunity to show how Linde Material Handling is securing its international competitiveness in the market and thus many thousands of jobs in the long term by converting and modernising the assembly and material flow processes of the production plant," said Andreas Krinninger in welcoming the guest from Munich.

In addition, the 5,500 square metre Linde Experience Hub has been a representative "home of Linde forklifts" in Aschaffenburg since last year, which was recently used for a multi-day sales and service event with a total of over 2,000 guests. Further structural investments are in the implementation phase: the new highly automated Regional Distribution Center for spare parts in nearby Kahl/Main and a logistics hub for the supply of materials to the production plant. The company is also investing massively in the high-performance and technically leading product and solution portfolio with manual and automated vehicles.

**Linde Material Handling GmbH**Linde Material Handling GmbH, a company of the KION Group, is a leading global manufacturer of manual and automated industrial trucks as well as a provider of services and solutions for intralogistics. With a sales and service network in more than 100 countries, the company is well-represented in all major regions of the world.

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**Bavaria's Prime Minister Dr. Markus Söder (front row, 2nd from left) during a factory tour together with Andrea Lindholz (Member of the German Bundestag), Andreas Krinninger, Chairman of the Management Board of Linde Material Handling (front row, 2nd from right) and the Mayor of the City of Aschaffenburg, Jürgen Herzing front row, right).**



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**A forklift truck from the Linde MH in-house fleet, signed by Bavaria's Prime Minister Dr. Markus Söder, will in future be a reminder of a visit to Linde Material Handling's production plant.**



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**A highlight at the end of the factory tour: Bavaria's Prime Minister Dr. Markus Söder took a seat in one of the latest forklift truck models: a Linde Xi 16 electric forklift truck with an integrated lithium-ion battery and a load capacity of 1.6 tons.**



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**At the end of the guided tour of Linde Material Handling's forklift assembly facility, employees had the opportunity to have their photo taken with the Bavarian Prime Minister.**

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