

DB and RAIL.ONE celebrate groundbreaking ceremony for new turnout sleeper plant



Neumarkt-based expert for concrete sleepers in rail transportation wins extensive tender from DB Netz AG and is now starting the construction phase with the groundbreaking ceremony. The new plant is being built in Schwandorf in southern Germany and scheduled to begin series production in autumn 2019.

Schwandorf, November, 06, 2018 – In the course of a symbolic groundbreaking ceremony, Dr. Ludwig Friedl, Managing Director of RAIL.ONE Schwandorf GmbH, proudly comments on the start of the construction work: "We are delighted to celebrate the start of construction of our third RAIL.ONE plant in Bavaria with this special moment and soon to supply our customers with products from a total of five plants throughout Germany."

The groundbreaking ceremony is attended by Andreas Fellner, Mayor of Schwandorf and Jakob Scharf, Deputy District Administrator of Schwandorf County, Jana Petzka, Managing Director of RAIL.ONE Schwandorf GmbH, Michael Wuth, Head of Supply and Plants DB Netz AG, Christian Suhren, Head of Sleeper Plant Schwandorf DB Netz AG as well as partners and service providers in the planning and construction phase.

The constructor and operator of the production plant will be RAIL.ONE Schwandorf GmbH, a subsidiary of the international PCM RAIL.ONE Group. The elaborate planning and approval phase already started in October 2017 and followed the award of the contract by DB Netz AG. For the network operator, the plant represents a milestone in the supply of concrete turnout sleepers.

"We are very pleased to have found a long-term partner for the production of high-quality sleepers in RAIL.ONE Schwandorf GmbH," says Michael Wuth, Head of Supply and Plants at DB Netz AG.

The completion of the production hall, office building and storage areas as well as the installation of the plant technology are scheduled for mid-2019. RAIL.ONE will also build a new access road and employee parking spaces on the DB Netz AG site until then. "In future, we will deliver the concrete sleepers to the construction site in combination with the turnout components already manufactured at our site, thereby optimizing our logistics," says Christian Suhren, Head of the Schwandorf sleeper plant at DB Netz AG.

Before starting series production, RAIL.ONE will carry out a comprehensive trial run to obtain approval from the Federal Railway Authority and the DB AG Quality Inspection Service.

With the scheduled start of series production in autumn of 2019, the annual capacity of end-anchored prestressed concrete turnout sleepers for Germany will be up to 180,000 linear meters on the DB Netz AG plant site in Schwandorf.

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