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Prevention Is Better than Cure: MEGGLE Focuses on Environment and Health

Over 250 MEGGLE employees took advantage of the huge range of options on offer, from mobility check-ups to nutrition advice and even cardiac stress tests. At the MEGGLE dairy's Environment and Health Day, workers had the chance to spend some of their working hours putting their bodies to the test. By taking part, the staff were also supporting a good cause, which for the first time was the Wasserburger Wunschbaum ("Wasserburg Make a Wish Tree").

"Of course, it is ultimately up to each individual to look after their own health. But employers can raise awareness of this topic amongst their employees on a regular basis. MEGGLE does this continuously throughout the year and this is already the eleventh time we have held our big Environment and Health Day", says Thomas Ranft, the company's Health & Safety and Environmental Management Officer. He organised the event in the canteen courtyard at the Wasserburg dairy together with his team, which once again this year includes a number of trainees. AOK, Barmer, Techniker Krankenkasse and Optik Götz were the external partners who lent the Day their support.

Being able to have several tests done in quick succession and having lots of experts all together in the same place were both hugely beneficial, as normally appointments with specialists are difficult to get and have to be made a long time advance. But the MEGGLE employees were able to take advantage of the health checks on offer during their working hours.

Issues relating to the environment and sustainability were also on the agenda, in addition to health. Working groups used display walls to tell those taking part in the Day about where there is potential to make savings within the company at the moment. The environmental officers also appealed to everyone to continue using our resources sparingly and with an eye on the future.

For the first time, the proceeds from the cake sale and the basketball contest were donated to the "Wasserburg Make a Wish Tree" association. Children from socially disadvantaged families can write down their heart's desire and hang it from this tree, whether they would like a new schoolbag, a trip to a wildlife park with their parents or a great sports shirt. Some of the requests may be for very small things, but they are things that would bring those children such joy. Again this year, the Wasserburg company's management team rounded up the donation to €2000.

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About MEGGLE:

Since more than 130 years MEGGLE stands for tradition, quality, innovation and continuous investments. The company was founded as a small cheese factory by Josef Anton Meggle I. close to Wasserburg near Munich. Today MEGGLE is one of the most prestigious manufacturers of dairy products in Europe. MEGGLE brand products are marketed also in North- and South America and in the Asian region. With approximately 2.500 employees, among them more than 1.000 in Wasserburg. The MEGGLE-Group produces high quality milk-, cheese-, cream- and yogurt products as well as butter, butter specialities and filled baguettes for end consumers and bulk consumers.

Additionally, MEGGLE manufactures lactose and compounds as state-of-the-art special products for the international pharmaceutical and food industry. Always committed to progress MEGGLE achieved in 2016 a revenue of more than 800 million Euros. Despite the international success the place of origin is still important: The MEGGLE head office is still located in the Upper Bavarian town Wasserburg am Inn.