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# Federal Minister of Economics Peter Altmaier visits Zschimmer & Schwarz in Lahnstein

Focus on strengthening small and medium-sized businesses as the backbone of the German economy

Lahnstein, 12 August 2021 – Federal Minister of Economics Peter Altmaier visited Zschimmer & Schwarz, the globally active supplier of chemical specialities and auxiliaries, in Lahnstein today. Other guests included the Vice-President of the Rhineland-Palatinate State Parliament Matthias Lammert, Member of the Bundestag Josef Oster, the mayoral candidate for the city of Lahnstein Thomas Becher and the deputy chairmen of the CDU faction in the Lahnstein City Council Günter Groß and Michael Güls.

The Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy discussed economic policy issues for the medium-sized chemical industry with the General Management of the family-owned company with a long tradition. "Climate protection is a central concern for Zschimmer & Schwarz. At the same time, the Green Deal poses enormous challenges for the industry and especially for small and medium-sized businesses in Germany. Family-owned companies like Zschimmer & Schwarz are particularly burdened by this and their international competitiveness suffers as a result. We would like to see solutions from politics to strengthen the backbone of the German economy," says Dietmar Clausen, General Manager of Zschimmer & Schwarz.



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Visiting the family business Zschimmer & Schwarz in Lahnstein, from left: Michael Güls (Deputy Chairman of the CDU faction in the Lahnstein City Council), Matthias Lammert (Vice-President of the Rhineland-Palatinate State Parliament), Josef Oster (Member of the Bundestag), Thomas Becher (mayoral candidate for the city of Lahnstein), Günter Groß (Deputy Chairman of the CDU faction in the Lahnstein City Council), Dietmar Clausen (General Manager of Zschimmer & Schwarz), Peter Altmaier (Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy), Katja Marx (Works Council Chairwoman at Zschimmer & Schwarz) and Wolfgang Nowak (General Manager of Zschimmer & Schwarz)

#### About Zschimmer & Schwarz

Zschimmer & Schwarz is a global supplier of chemical auxiliaries and specialities headquartered in Lahnstein near Koblenz, Germany. The family business was founded in Chemnitz in 1894 and is positioned across industries with its nine business divisions. The company develops, produces and distributes tailor-made chemical auxiliaries for the leather, fur, ceramic, textile and chemical fibre industries. Manufacturers of cleaning agents, personal care products, paints and coatings, lubricants and industrial applications all over the world trust in the company's chemical specialities as well. The corporate group Zschimmer & Schwarz comprises 30 companies in 16 countries on five continents, 22 of which have their own production facilities.



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