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Zschimmer & Schwarz gives insects a new home

Donation campaign on occasion of the 125th anniversary enables construction of an insect hotel for numerous guests

Lahnstein, 30 September 2020 – On the occasion of the company's 125-year anniversary last year, the shareholders of the Zschimmer & Schwarz Group started a special charitable programme: the 1,400 employees across 16 countries on five continents were asked to present local initiatives that the company could support with a donation.

At the suggestion of Gebhard Linscheid, employee of Ursa-Chemie, a subsidiary of Zschimmer & Schwarz based in Montabaur, the company has provided 5,000 Euro for the construction of an insect hotel. According to the motto "Hand in hand: chemistry & protecting nature", an insect hotel was built on the premises of Ursa-Chemie. With this project, the Zschimmer & Schwarz Group proves that, despite all contrary preconceptions, chemistry and environmental protection can indeed go together.

"Insect hotels offer an alternative to the increasingly scarce natural habitats of insects," Gebhard Linscheid explains the importance of the project. "Dead wood or clay slopes are hardly found in nature anymore, as man interferes more and more intensively with the landscape. Pesticides also play a major role in this context. But insects are very important and useful, as they pollinate plants and eat pests such as plant lice. In this way, they contribute vitally to the natural balance of our environment." The insect hotel has room for numerous guests: from different species of bees and wasps to beetles and flies to butterflies – all of them will find a nesting place that meets their needs.



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The project "Hand in hand: chemistry & protecting nature" is currently one of 14 charitable projects across Europe supported by Zschimmer & Schwarz with a total sum of around 200,000 Euro. "For more than 125 years, our company has represented a philosophy that always puts people first", explains Monika Börner, shareholder of the Zschimmer & Schwarz Group. "Therefore, we try to give something valuable back to society and involve ourselves in projects that deliver direct and sustainable effects at our business locations."



With the help of the donation from Zschimmer & Schwarz, an insect hotel was built on the premises of Ursa-Chemie in Montabaur, offering numerous insects a place to nest



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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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