

Governor of Lower Austria, Johanna Mikl-Leitner visits ERBER Group

Talks focus on success story of the ERBER Group in Getzersdorf, Lower Austria, and on additional sites to be built in Lower Austria

Getzersdorf/Lower Austria, July 4, 2018 – **At the end of last week, Lower Austrian Governor, Johanna Mikl-Leitner, visited ERBER Group – a bio-technology company and market leader in food and feed safety headquartered in Getzersdorf, Lower Austria. ERBER Group currently operates in 142 countries and has 1,500 employees in its divisions BIOMIN, ROMER LABS, SANPHAR and EFB worldwide – approx. 500 of these in Austria. In the upcoming years, investments of about 150 million euros are planned for three new sites in Lower Austria alone. One is a new research center - ERBER Research Campus - in Tulln. It will become ERBER Group's central research center for about 180 employees.**

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35 years ago, "Erber KG" and later "Biomin GmbH" were founded in Pottenbrunn, Lower Austria and has remained a family-owned group of companies ever since. ERBER Group AG is now a market leader and a hidden champion, and the owners are committed to Austria and especially to Getzersdorf in Lower Austria, where the headquarters are located. In the coming years ERBER Group will invest in a new fermentation plant, a ROMER LABS production site and the ERBER Research Campus in Tulln, plus several other sites in Austria.

Erich Erber, PhD h.c., founder and chair of the Supervisory Board of ERBER AG emphasized the importance of a close cooperation between politics and entrepreneurs in his talks with Governor Mikl-Leitner. He also expressed his wishes and his call for necessary framework conditions needed by internationally operating companies, especially in Austria, in order to be competitive on a global market and to be able to expand worldwide from Lower Austria. "Our investment volume of approx. 150 million euros in our research and production sites at Tulln and Getzersdorf in the coming years strengthens ERBER Group's commitment to its 'country of origin', Lower Austria. Close cooperation between politics and companies is the basis for being able to create future workplaces and to initiate new projects. From the beginning, our motivation at ERBER Group has been innovation in the interests of our customers: intensive in-house research and many collaborations with universities and research institutes ensure that new products and services are developed all the time, such as currently in the new business fields of vaccines and enzymes. What we need in the coming years to a much greater extent are incentives for local investments in academic training and in the promotion of research and development."

Antibiotic-free animal nutrition for agriculture – an Austrian export hit

The transformation from a small and medium-sized company into a global player in biotechnology and a hidden champion can only be successful if on the one hand, you provide products and services people need, like antibiotic-free animal nutrition for agriculture, and on the other pursue a sustainable strategy. When you work for ERBER Group, it means that you leave your footprint to make this world a better place. As Pioneers, Partners and Performers, all our employees significantly contribute to this and are the ones who make this success possible, as Heinz Flatnitzer, Head of HR, Corporate Communications & Production/Procurement of ERBER AG explains: "With our turnover of 327 million euros in financial year 2017, ERBER Group reached an all-time high with its divisions BIOMIN, ROMER, SANPHAR and EFB – our long-term average shows a successful growth of approx. 16% p.a. Currently about 1,500 employees work for ERBER Group – one third of these in Austria.

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ERBER Group is a leading group of companies in the field of food and feed safety, with focusing on natural feed additives, feed and food analysis and plant protection with headquarters in Austria/Getzersdorf. It generated a turnover of about 325 million euros in 2017. ERBER Group consists of BIOMIN, ROMER LABS, SANPHAR and EFB. Including distribution partners. ERBER Group is represented in more than 120 countries worldwide.

The international orientation, the in-house research and development are important success factors for the annual growth of ERBER Group.

ERBER Group is an expert organization and world leader in the original core business of mycotoxin risk management. Powerful in-house research and development provides the basis for developing customer-focused and innovative solutions, which is particularly supported by collaborations with renowned universities and research institutions.

The company was founded in 1983 as "ERBER KG" and later on "BIOMIN GmbH" by Erich und Margarete Erber in Pottenbrunn (Austria) and is still family run.

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Caption: Governor Johanna Mikl-Leitner and Erich Erber, PhD h.c.
(Chair of the Supervisory Board of ERBER AG)

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