

Press release

Cutting edge technology for rails - Goldschmidt Thermit Group presents new products at the 2014 InnoTrans trade fair

Leipzig, September 19, 2014: The Goldschmidt Thermit Group will present numerous new products at the 2014 InnoTrans trade fair. At the fair, the global leader for joint welding and the maintenance and repair of rail systems will focus on high-tech solutions which offer the highest precision and quick implementation in the field.

A summary of the new products:

RAILSTRAIGHT APP: The app serves to control the *RAILSTRAIGHT* devices of the Goldschmidt Thermit Group – precision electronic devices for the measurement of the straightness and corrugation of rails and rail joints. The development of the app by the TheAppGuys was awarded an IT innovation prize with the title "BEST OF 2014". The app runs on Android and BlackBerry devices and the measurement results can be sent by email.

SMARTWELD SPARK: This device enables the safe and precise ignition of Thermit® portions. After the ignition has taken place, it is signaled acoustically and visually. This significantly increases the occupational safety of the employees. The device removes the need to use ignition rods which are declared to be hazardous.

GOLDSCHMIDT TOOLS: The product range of safe, ergonomic and reliable devices and machines for railway construction and maintenance was considerably expanded. This was firstly achieved by the takeover last year of PortaCo, the US machine producer well-known for its hydraulic and innovative devices and aggregates and secondly by the development of new high-performance, petrol and diesel-driven products as required by customers. "Last year we achieved a lot and will continue to further develop our product portfolio of special devices for the maintenance and repair of rail systems in the interests of our customers", explains Dr. Hans-Jürgen Mundinger, CEO of the Goldschmidt Thermit Group.

New products with combustion engines:

- = **Profile Grinder GP 4000:** Grinding device with petrol or diesel engine for the precise reprofiling of rail heads and rail joints – also in tunnels.
- = **Ballast Tamper TB 5000 P:** The ergonomic manual ballast tamper with petrol engine for the efficient tamping of all types of rail sleepers without damage to ballast.
- = **Torque Wrench WT 1400 P:** Device with petrol engine for the powerful and precise loosening and tightening of sleeper screws and nuts with individually adjustable torque.

About the Goldschmidt Thermit Group

The Goldschmidt Thermit Group is a worldwide leader in the area of joint welding and the servicing and maintenance of rail systems. The roots of the company go back to the invention of the Thermit® process by Prof. Hans Goldschmidt at the end of the 19th century. Today the Goldschmidt Thermit Group consists of over 20 medium-sized individual companies which serve the international growth market for rail infrastructure. The company has approx. 1000 employees and maintains an international network of production and service locations. In 2013 the group achieved a consolidated turnover of more than 115 million euros.

Further information is available in the internet at www.goldschmidt-thermit.com.

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