# Press release

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## New production building for Schunk Sonosystems

**Schunk Group invests eight million euros in Wettenberg**

**Heuchelheim/Wettenberg, October 16, 2018 – With a ground-breaking ceremony on Tuesday the Schunk Group launched the construction of a new production building in Wettenberg.**

“With the construction of this new production building the Schunk Group is investing approximately eight million euros in Schunk Sonosystems and Wettenberg, where Schunk has been represented for more than 50 years”, said Dr. Arno Roth, CEO of the Schunk Group, at the initial celebration. In the presence of numerous guests from participating companies and the political world, including District Administrator Anita Schneider and Mayor of Wettenberg Thomas Brunner, the ground for the new production building was symbolically broken with a spade.

The hall to be completed at Schunk’s site in Wettenberg by September 2019 will contain approximately 3,500 square meters of production space and accommodate around 100 employees. In the building with an area of roughly 100 by 40 meters and a height of approximately nine meters Schunk Sonosystems’ ultrasonic welding machines will be assembled.

**Schunk Sonosystems can be found in most automotive cable harnesses**

Schunk Sonosystems is one of the leading specialists in the world in the area of ultrasonic welding, with a considerable technology lead in its markets. Ultrasonic welding is a process which connects metals by means of ultrasound. Besides connections made of copper and aluminum, metal/glass connections are also possible – the materials are placed on top of one another and moved against each other with low pressure and high-frequency mechanical oscillations. Thus, in a fraction of a second, a durable, solid and metallurgically pure connection with outstanding physical properties is created, without any thermal stress on the components.

One of the most important areas of application of ultrasonic welding is in the production of cable harnesses, particularly for motor cars. Schunk Sonosystems ensures that the connections are flawless in this electrical nervous system of a car, which supplies power to all electricity-consuming components from headlamps to seat height adjustment. With its many years of experience and continual innovations the company is the market and technology leader in this area.

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Spatenstich Schunk Sonosystems.jpg – With a ceremonial ground-breaking ceremony on Tuesday the Schunk Group launched the construction of a new production building in Wettenberg.

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