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## Press Information

CeramTec: New production hall increases capacity

# Inauguration of Medical Products expansion

**Marktredwitz, September 24, 2014** On September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, CeramTec in Marktredwitz will inaugurate a newly completed building for the Medical Products Division with a special ceremony. The global market leader for ceramic components in orthopedics invested just under 43 million euros over the past few months in the construction of a production hall and the expansion of production capacities for hip joint components. The CeramTec Executive Board will be joined at the inauguration by numerous political representatives from Bavaria.

The new building has increased the size of the Medical Products Division by over 4,500 square meters and almost doubled the production area. "The expansion was a logical first step for us in order to satisfy the increased demand for our products," Managing Director Sigurd Adler comments on the site expansion. The machines and systems will be installed in the production halls to the inauguration ceremony on September 24<sup>th</sup> and the first marketable products will be ready to roll off the lines by the beginning of October.

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All employees of the Medical Products Division in Marktredwitz, project staff, CeramTec supervisory board members, members of regional authorities and construction companies involved in the expansion are invited to attend the inauguration. Guests include Wilhelm Wenning, President of the District Government of Upper Franconia, Martin Schöffel, Member of the Bavarian Parliament, Dr. Karl Döhler, District Administrator of Wunsiedel County, Oliver Weigel, Mayor of the City of Marktredwitz, the CeramTec Executive Board with Dr. Ulf-D. Zimmermann, Sigurd Adler and Rolf-Michael Müller, Peter Strötgen, Head of the Medical Products Division and Franz-Josef Köstler, Works Council Chairman of the Marktredwitz plant.

Currently, just under 700 people including 49 trainees are employed in Marktredwitz. The site expansion creates many new jobs and positions. Over ten million ceramic components from CeramTec have been implanted to date - partly in Marktredwitz - and have helped improve the quality of life of millions of patients with hip joint problems. On average, a CeramTec component is implanted in a patient every 30 seconds worldwide.

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## About CeramTec GmbH

CeramTec products are often unseen, but always indispensable. The company, headquartered in Plochingen, Germany, supplies its customers with premium-quality ceramic products from 21 sites across the globe. The products are used in many different applications today, especially in medical engineering, automotive manufacturing, electronics, equipment and mechanical engineering, defense systems, and chemical industries. The company's success is rooted in the formula: Continued development of new, innovative materials with a strong commitment to quality, a focus on customer-specific systems solutions and dialog-based application consulting services that cover the entire product life cycle. CeramTec GmbH is one of the largest international manufacturers of ceramics for technically demanding applications.

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