

## **Strong signal for site and region: thyssenkrupp invests in new state-of-the-art coating line at Andernach site**

- New line secures competitiveness for high-quality coated packaging steel.
- Investment in low three-digit million range

thyssenkrupp has approved the investment funds to build a new, state-of-the-art coating line for packaging steel at its Andernach site. As well as meeting the technical requirements for a new process for the production of chromium-coated packaging steel, this will further improve health, safety and environmental performance. The new process will replace the current production method, which, due to the EU-wide ban on chromium (VI) compounds in production processes, will not be permissible in the future. Coating with chromium is one of the key steps in the production of high-quality, printable packaging at thyssenkrupp in Andernach.

### **Strategic decision for premium producer in Andernach**

thyssenkrupp's Rasselstein plant in Andernach is the world's biggest packaging steel manufacturing site. Through the tight-knit network of its German sites, thyssenkrupp pursues a consistent premium strategy all the way from its starting product steel through to end products such as high-end tinplate. The new coating line will further strengthen the thyssenkrupp subsidiary's competitive position and make a major contribution to protecting people and the environment. "As a premium manufacturer of packaging steel we take our responsibility towards our customers very seriously. As a reliable partner we deliver one of the most eco-friendly packaging materials," says Premal A. Desai, CEO of thyssenkrupp Steel. "This investment is therefore clear evidence of our strategy to focus consistently on sustainability and the associated growth markets so as to safeguard the future of our

business”.

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“We are pleased because this is a strong signal for our site. It marks the success of generations of highly motivated and skilled employees at an innovative, modern production site,” says Dr. Peter Biele, CEO of thyssenkrupp Rasselstein. “With this decision we can supply our customers with our high-quality products on the basis of an even more advanced process chain. As the region’s biggest industrial employer, we provide secure jobs for our employees and motivated young people entering the labor market.”

### **Sustainable and competitive packaging steel from Andernach**

On completion, the new coating line will be the most advanced production line of its kind and will set new standards in the areas of process reliability, quality, environmental protection and occupational safety.

As the most recycled packaging material, packaging steel has great potential for the future in terms of sustainability. For over 10 years now, packaging steel has been consistently exceeding the planned recycling rate targets in Germany. thyssenkrupp contributes to this by supporting the recycling of packaging steel in Germany – partly through its own recycling companies such as Deutsche Gesellschaft für Weißblechrecycling, and partly through cooperative ventures such as Blechverpackungen Stahl GmbH.

#### *About the company:*

*thyssenkrupp Rasselstein GmbH is a leading global supplier of high-quality, precision-made packaging steel. The site in Andernach – the world’s biggest production site of its kind – produces 1.5 million tons of packaging steel each year. The plant’s 2,400 employees serve around 400 customers from numerous markets in 80 countries – from producers of food and pet food cans to manufacturers of beverage and aerosol cans, containers for chemical products, and bottle caps. Expert service, sales and aftersales teams round out the product portfolio. They work closely with customers to maintain consistent high standards of quality and reliability worldwide.*

#### *About the EU regulation*

*EU Regulation 1907/2006 (also known as the REACH Regulation) governs the EU-wide use of chemicals. Under it the use of chromium (VI) compounds previously used in the production of chromium-coated packaging steel, is to be phased out.*

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