

**The world's most advanced coating technology for packaging steel:
Coating line 13 is to start operation at thyssenkrupp Rasselstein GmbH in Andernach
on 17 September 2022**

- New plant meets all EU sustainability requirements
- Investment volume of 120 million euros
- Plant enables chrome-plating of even thinner and wider sheets

The new coating line 13 at thyssenkrupp Rasselstein GmbH was completed on schedule after three years of construction. The commissioning of the plant was celebrated during a party for the employees at Andernach on 17 September together with the Minister of Labor of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, Alexander Schweitzer, the Secretary for Economic Affairs of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, Petra Dick-Walther, the Chairman of the Executive Board of thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG, Bernhard Osburg, and the Chairman of the Executive Board of thyssenkrupp Rasselstein GmbH, Dr. Peter Biele, as well as other guests of honor.

The new plant uses chromium(III) in the manufacturing process instead of the chromium(VI) previously used. Thus, the new manufacturing process fully complies with the requirements of the EU REACH Regulation. With a volume of 120 million euros, the new production plant is the largest single investment at the Andernach site in around 15 years.

Bernhard Osburg, Chairman of the Executive Board of thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG: "This major investment marks an important and very special milestone in the history of thyssenkrupp Steel: We are converting to the highest sustainability standards here at the world's largest production site for packaging steel. With the new plant, we are at the technological cutting edge. thyssenkrupp Rasselstein with its 2,400 employees here at the Andernach site will remain a reliable employer and strong partner in the region in the future."

Dr. Peter Biele said in his address: "Coating line 13 will produce chrome-plated packaging steel used for safe and durable packaging of food in cans, lids and crown corks. In addition to the highest quality and efficiency, the coating process also allows for optimal health and environmental protection."

Minister of Labor and Transformation Alexander Schweitzer emphasized the importance of the coating line for the Rhineland-Palatinate: "Today's commissioning of such an impressive facility is a good sign for the country, especially in these challenging times. I am therefore very pleased to be able to join in the celebrations here today, because this is exceptionally good news for the business location and for jobs in the region."

The new coating line 13 enables the chrome-plating of even wider and thinner sheets. Technologically, it is the most modern plant of its kind – also because more efficient and energy-saving processes are realized with a digitalized workflow. Chrome-plated material is used for: Lids and bases for pet food cans, valve disks on aerosol cans, crown corks or printing ink cans.

thyssenkrupp Rasselstein GmbH is one of the world's leading suppliers of high-quality packaging steel manufactured with precision. At the site in Andernach, Germany – the largest production facility of its kind in the world – around 1.5 million tons of packaging steel are produced annually. Our 2,400 employees serve around 400 customers in 80 countries in a wide range of markets – from manufacturers of food and pet food cans to producers of beverage and aerosol cans, containers for chemical-technical filling goods, and crown corks and screw caps. Expert teams in service, sales and technical customer support complete the product portfolio.

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