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PRESS RELEASE

**Excellent results for the Weinig Group at LIGNA 2017**

The world's leading trade fair for the wood sector, LIGNA in Hanover, drew to a close on 26 May. With an order inflow of 47 million euros, the Weinig Group was one of the winners from the event. Under the motto “THINK WEINIG”, the market leader in machines and systems for solid wood and panel processing presented a new trade fair concept, sharing a 4,000 m2 stand with group company and panel specialists Holz-Her for the first time. The impressive line-up packed with innovations, premieres and a comprehensive offering for all performance classes and sizes of operation proved a magnet for professional visitors. Customers and interested parties from 90 countries filled the trade fair stand on all five days of the event. New customers accounted for 8% of visitors, which is an extraordinarily high level.

The new W4.0 digital standard, via which the Weinig Group provides forward-looking responses to the challenges of networked production, met with particular demand from the international audience. Weinig used linked production lines to demonstrate solutions for the entire value chain. Customer benefits and practicality were at the heart of the hugely popular live demonstrations.

In addition to the constantly besieged 40 exhibits, another Weinig trade fair highlight drew the attention of professional visitors: the prize draw for the Cube Plus four-sider. The spectacular competition was a thank you from Weinig to its customers for their loyalty over the last year. More than 2,500 prize draw cards were completed. And the winner has since been announced as Tomaseth Treppenbau from Kastelruth in Italy.

In keeping with another LIGNA tradition, the Supervisory Board also held a meeting. They announced extremely positive growth of the Weinig Group at the end of the 2016 financial year. Order inflow rose by 16% compared with the previous year and this gratifying trend has continued into 2017. Orders to the end of April showed 17% growth while revenues rose by as much as 21%. With the excellent LIGNA sales of 47 million euros behind us, the Weinig Group is very confident of achieving the order inflow total of 471 million euros targeted for 2017. In view of the recent positive figures, the Supervisory Board passed a series of forward-looking measures and an investment budget of more than 30 million euros. Plans include a new administrative building and showroom at the Holz-Her site in Nürtingen at a cost of 10 million euros. There was also a focus on growing the group’s personnel, with plans to increase the number of employees to 2,100. The personnel at Tauberbischofsheim alone is expected to grow by 6% to a total of 900 employees.

Following the meeting, Chairman of the Supervisory Board Thomas Bach visited the Weinig Group stand in Hall 27. “After the excellent results in 2016 and the extremely successful

start to the 2017 financial year, the Supervisory Board has made investment decisions that lay the foundations to further strengthen the Weinig Group's leading position. Bolstered

by our success at LIGNA and our innovations in the area of

‘Industry 4.0’, we expect further dynamic growth,” said Bach of the product presentation across 4,000 m2, which placed Weinig among the largest exhibitors at LIGNA.

Photos:

1. A strong presence: The Weinig Group stand was a hive of activity on all five days of the trade fair.
2. Very satisfied with LIGNA: Weinig Chairman of the Supervisory Board Thomas Bach learns about the highlights of the exhibition program on a tour of the stand with the Management Board.