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Online Manufacturing of special parts adds benefits for textile manufacturers such as quick availability

Freudenberg Performance Materials relies on digital procurement with FACTUREE

Berlin, 9 December 2020 – Freudenberg Performance Materials, a leading global developer and manufacturer of innovative technical textiles, explores new paths with its procurement of components. In this endeavor, the company has chosen FACTUREE – The Online Manufacturer (www.facturee.de) as its supplier for various parts, including cut and bent sheet metal parts. The service provider has a manufacturing network with over 1000 production partners in the fields of CNC machining, sheet metal forming, 3D printing and surface technology. Thus, customers benefit from a broad production range, quick availability and on-time deliveries.

Freudenberg Performance Materials is a leading global supplier of technical textiles. The textile solutions are used in a wide range of markets and applications. The company's technical textiles include non-woven fabrics, woven fabrics, knitted fabrics, foams and laminates for sectors such as automotive, construction, clothing, energy, filter media, healthcare, interior finishing, shoes and leather goods, and special applications.

With more than 35 production sites in 15 countries and its headquarters in Weinheim, Germany, Freudenberg Performance Materials has a truly global presence. The company aims to be a pioneer in the development of technical textiles, modern materials and solutions, and new production methods.

Online Manufacturing as a modern procurement method

The goal of innovative products and processes is also expressed in how production partners are chosen. When implementing technical projects and maintenance work, ever shorter procurement times coupled with high manufacturing precision are crucial for success. cwmk GmbH, which operates as an online manufacturer under the FACTUREE brand name, meets these requirements with a very high level of digitalization, automation and networking as well as an ISO 9001 certified quality

management system. In the broad production network, more than 8000 machines are always at the ready for projects.

“Freudenberg Performance Materials has now completed around fifteen projects with us for the external production of components. We implemented an especially large project in September of this year that included the production of several steel and aluminum milled parts as well as cut and bent sheet metal parts made of V2A stainless steel,” reports Benjamin Schwab, Head of Marketing & Sales at cwmk GmbH.

Overall, most of the parts that FACTUREE produces for Freudenberg are 3-axis milled parts – some are bent parts, less frequently turned parts. The materials used are mostly steel, stainless steel and aluminum – various plastics such as PVC, PEEK and Teflon have also been used so far.

Markus Helf, Technical Manager at the Freudenberg Performance Materials SE & Co. KG plant in Kaiserslautern, points out the advantage of the cooperation: “We highly regard FACTUREE as a reliable supplier of production parts with good delivery times and an easy-to-use procurement interface. Especially in times of coronavirus, this procurement approach offers the necessary safety. We consider this to be a good example of the advantages of digitalization, which has seen another boost during the pandemic.”

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Freudenberg Performance Materials headquarters in Weinheim