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Next in Line: New “Koehler Paper Campus,” a Center for Papermaking-Specific Training at Koehler Paper in Oberkirch

- **Construction work starts on new “Koehler Paper Campus” training center in Oberkirch**
- **Slated to be ready for papermaking apprentices in September 2025**
- **“Koehler Group Campus” for general technical training already inaugurated last year in Willstätt**

Oberkirch, Germany, 06/25/2025 – Koehler Paper is now building a state-of-the-art center for papermaking-specific training. This new “Koehler Paper Campus” will start classes beginning in September 2025, just in time for the start of the new training year. With this upgrade, Koehler is creating an additional site for learning, networking, and providing young talent with training and support – all right next to the company’s paper production operations at its headquarters in Oberkirch.

Future-oriented training covering everything to do with paper

The new training center will be used to train paper technologist apprentices and machine and system operator apprentices, as well as dual-study program students getting a bachelor’s degree in Sustainable Science and Technology. This comprehensive technical training will be complemented by basic manual skills (such as traditional papermaking) related to the company’s very core: paper. The campus is being extensively upgraded for this purpose, with Koehler investing in new technical equipment in a targeted manner in order to create a future-proof learning environment that combines theory and practice in an optimal manner.

“With our ‘Koehler Paper Campus,’ we’re not only investing in new premises and cutting-edge technology, but also, and above all, in our apprentices and the future of our industry,” says Koehler Group Corporate Director of HR & Legal Department Elke Renz. “Paper is at the center of everything we do – and at the center of everything that the campus will stand for: enthusiasm for the material, in-depth understanding of all technical aspects, and hands-on realistic learning from the get-go.”

Training: The key to a successful future

With this new training center, the BEST PLACE TO LEARN®-certified company is sending a strong signal regarding its commitment to nurturing skilled workers and providing top-quality training. Its “Koehler Group Campus” at the new company site in Willstätt – a training center focusing on general technical training – was already inaugurated later year. Now, with the “Koehler Paper Campus” in Oberkirch, the company’s next investment in recruitment and training for young talent is taking shape.

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Photo (left to right): Birgit Braun (Construction Planning project manager – Central Plant Engineering), Elke Renz (corporate director of HR & Legal Department), Faruk Tascioglu (papermaking instructor), Hartmut Felsch (mill director of the Oberkirch site), Simone Wölfle (head of Training and HR Development), Gerhard Vollmer (papermaking instructor). Source: Koehler Group



2030 Sustainability Strategy

With its new Koehler Paper Campus, the Koehler Group is helping achieve sustainable development goals in the area of “People, the Key to Success.”

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About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, beverage coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and also innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 70% in 2023, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.1 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, the Koehler Group is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

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