

Press release

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Ceremonial farewell of the robotics production team

Schölly Fiberoptic GmbH bid an extraordinary farewell on November 30, 2020. A strategic decision made one and a half years ago has now been completed with the farewell of the last members of the robotics production team. They all start at their new employer Intuitive Surgical in Emmendingen, Germany.

In a festive hour, Regula Schölly paid tribute to the special nature of this moment and presented everyone with a farewell gift. The departure of an entire product line is emotionally difficult to cope with and the transition demanded a high degree of flexibility and discipline from everyone. But the unity with which everyone worked towards the same goal was worth it.

Thus, in this difficult year in Denzlingen, Germany, not only the ambitious production figures of Intuitive were met for the last time, but also the course was set for the support and further development of the "non-robotics" division. A decision that was not easy for the management in 2019, but which was taken at the right time, thus enabling a successful future for both companies.

Since the announcement in July 2019 that Intuitive Surgical would take over the robotic endoscope business of Schölly Fiberoptic GmbH, the robotics-specific departments from Development, Internal Logistics, Production, Supply Chain, Quality Management and Administration have been transferred successively and under permanent supply capability. After completion of the transfer, Schölly employs around 350 people at its headquarters in Denzlingen, Germany. The cooperation between the two companies in the field of robotics lasted over 20 years and will now be continued on a significantly reduced scale.

Image: 2020_11_30_farewell robotics production team.jpg

Image caption: farewell robotics production team. Image: Schölly

Additional information

Schölly Fiberoptic GmbH is a global family enterprise with its headquarters in Denzlingen, in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg. The company's main focus is the engineering and production of customer-specific visualization systems for the business fields of Medical Endoscopy and Visual Inspection.

From endoscopes, camera systems, and light modules, all the way to complex visualization systems, the company offers a wide range of products and services. It was and is the driving force behind the transition from 2D to 3D visualization systems and in the miniaturization of endoscopes.

The company was founded in 1973 and has about 650 employees worldwide. Its six sales and service branches are, along with the corporate headquarters, responsible for the support of the globally active customers and the acquisition of new projects.

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