



Press Release

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Schmalz, Inc. celebrating ribbon cutting and open house of its newly built Raleigh, N.C., headquarters facilities.

Raleigh, July 10, 2017 - Schmalz, Inc. is pleased to announce today that it will be cutting the ribbon to its newly built facilities sitting on a six-acre site at 5850 Oak Forest Drive, Raleigh, N.C., together with the Managing Directors of J. Schmalz GmbH, Dr. Kurt Schmalz, Wolfgang Schmalz and Andreas Beutel, as well as Dr. Volker Schmitz, President of Schmalz, Inc., the Lt. Governor Dan Forest, Congressman David Price of the 4th Congressional District, the Mayor Nancy McFarlane and other government officials.

Schmalz is the market leader in vacuum automation and ergonomic material handling solutions. Schmalz products are used all over the world, like for example in applications in the logistics, automotive, electronics and furniture production industries. The family owned company has around 1,200 employees at its 18 subsidiaries worldwide, 60 of them in Raleigh. Schmalz decisively shaped the direction of automation with vacuum and the innovations of Schmalz have influenced the present state of the art in vacuum technology significantly.

"We are very excited about this important step for our company. This is the largest company owned facility outside of Germany," said Wolfgang Schmalz, Managing Director and co-owner of J. Schmalz GmbH.

"Schmalz, Inc. has been growing steadily since it was founded here in Raleigh 18 years ago. In order to keep up with demand, the number of employees has more than doubled in just the last 2 years. We are committed to the Triangle Area and the employees here who have helped to build this business," explained Dr. Volker Schmitz, President of Schmalz, Inc. Schmalz has quickly outgrown its old 20,000 sq ft facility at 5200 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, N.C., which was purchased in 2009. "The North Raleigh facility represents a Phase I investment for us of US \$6.5 million and was completed in late 2016. Phase II is in the planning stage already and would represent another significant investment with a start projected in 2018/19. This will



ensure that Schmalz, Inc. has enough space in order to continue to grow at its current pace." Dr. Schmitz explained.

The new facility provides more room for testing and assembly of automation and material handling systems, along with a dedicated customer show room, training rooms and increased office space. "This new setup has decisively improved the overall material flow at Schmalz, Inc. from parts receipt, to testing, to packaging, to dispatch of the finished products, and the new office areas provide the employees with even more natural light," added Gary Vickerson, VP of Operations at Schmalz, Inc.

"We pride ourselves on reinvesting more than 8% of annual revenues every year back into hiring and training apprentices, co-op students and paid interns and are a proud member of the NCTAP Apprenticeship Program here in Raleigh," says Gary Vickerson. "Being an energy positive manufacturer in our German production plant we have laid out our US production plant here in North Raleigh to incorporate a solar roof panel installation in Phase II," he continues.

Schmalz, Inc. is looking to further expand its staff over the coming years.

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Image 1:

New Building 5850 Oak Forest Drive, Raleigh



Image 2:

Ribbon cutting



Image 3

Facility tour

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About Schmalz

Schmalz is the market leader in vacuum automation and ergonomic handling solutions. Schmalz products are used all over the world, for example in applications in the logistics industry, the automotive industry, the electronics sector or in furniture production. The wide range of products in the Vacuum Automation unit includes individual components such as suction cups and vacuum generators, as well as complete gripping systems and clamping solutions for holding workpieces, for example in CNC machining centers. The Handling Systems unit offers innovative handling solutions with vacuum lifters and crane systems for industrial and handicraft applications. With the Energy Storage unit, Schmalz has created a new pillar in the field of stationary energy storage.

With comprehensive consulting, a focus on innovation and first-class quality, Schmalz offers its customers long-lasting benefits. Schmalz's intelligent solutions make production and logistics processes more flexible and efficient, while also preparing them for the increasing trend toward digitalization.

With its own locations and its sales partners, Schmalz is represented in more than 80 countries and in all important markets. The family owned company has around 1,200 employees at its headquarters in Glatten (in the Black Forest region of Germany) and its 17 subsidiaries worldwide.

Schmalz' US headquarters in Raleigh, N.C., has been in operation since 1993 and employs about 60 people.

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