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## A Medium-Sized Company

Overview	"Meyer Toolmaker GmbH" is a medium-sized <i>enterprise</i> that produces custom-made machine <i>tools</i> . These tools are made for companies that produce plastic parts for the <i>automotive industry</i> . Mostly they manufacture molds for <i>their injection molding</i> machines used for forming car parts in various shapes and different kinds of plastics.
History	About 70 years ago Mr. Meyer senior started his business as a <i>blacksmith</i> . When the senior retired, his son Mr. Meyer junior took over the business and developed the company to an international acting business within a few <i>decades</i> . He installed CAD/CAM processes together with modern <i>metal manufacturing</i> machines (CMC- <i>lathes</i> and <i>milling machines</i> ). But it is a small <i>family owned</i> company.
Employees	The company has about 92 people employed. The majority of them are <i>engineers</i> , <i>technicians</i> and advanced technicians ( <i>masters</i> ). Around 25 people work in our administrations department. We also have a training <i>workshop</i> that educates around 5 apprentices each year. Our boss is an excellent leader and he <i>represents</i> the company extremely well.
Structure & Location	<p>The <i>headquarter</i> is located in Mitwitz. It's a small city near Coburg which is about 100 km away in the north of Nürnberg. On the <i>company's site</i> we have an office building, some buildings for technical innovations (<i>R&amp;D</i>) and two large production halls. <i>Apart</i> from that, there is another productions site in Poland, a <i>sales office</i> in France and a smaller <i>branch</i> in Hamburg.</p> <p>The company provides a <i>canteen</i> and a small gym on the premises. Visitors can park their cars in the <i>parking lot</i> not far from the <i>main entrance</i>. The company can be <i>accessed</i> by <i>public transport</i> as well (That's the bus-line 18 and there is a train station about 200m away).</p>
Products & Services	Our <i>molds</i> are very <i>advanced</i> and they are famous for high precision and their <i>sophisticated</i> technical structures. If other companies buy our tools we have engineers who discuss the individual <i>design</i> with the customer. We also offer a lifelong <i>support</i> that includes a 24/7 support hotline.
Customers	About 90% of our customers are car-part producers. We produce a range of parts like <i>car bumpers</i> , <i>cockpit interiors</i> or parts for car engines. Our other customers work <i>for industrial mid-sized companies</i> . These are mostly companies that work in the local <i>glass-industry</i> . Our <i>territory</i> of business is the region around Coburg, Kronach and Lichtenfels. As well we have some projects in large cities like Munich or Regensburg. Sometimes we do services for international customers.
Apprenticeship	Apprentices have their own workshops. There are two masters, who give us projects in the field of <i>automation</i> , <i>metal processing</i> and <i>electrical installations</i> . They provide us with tasks in the real production areas to get <i>practical experience</i> . Each three weeks I have to go to the vocational school to learn theory in various fields of electrical technology. After three and a half years my apprenticeship will end with an <i>exam</i> at the local <i>chamber of (industry) and commerce</i> .

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## Vocabulary

English	Hint, Acronyms, Antonyms	German
.....		Werkzeugmacher
.....		Unternehmen
.....		Fahrzeugindustrie
.....		Spritzguss
.....		der (Huf-)Schmied
.....		Metallverarbeitung
.....		Drehbank
.....	CNC = computerized numerical control	(CNC-)Fräse
.....	to be retired	in den Ruhestand/Rente gehen
.....		in Familienbesitz
.....		Techniker
.....		Meister
.....		Bildung
.....		Verwaltung
.....		exzellent
.....		Stammsitz
.....		Firmengelände
.....	research and development	Forschungsabteilung
.....		Außerdem
.....		Vertriebsbüro
.....		Zweigbetrieb
.....		Kantine
.....		Parkplatz/Gelände
.....		Haupteingang
.....		Zugriff/Zutritt
.....	pub (-lic) = öffentlich	öffentl. Verkehrsmittel
.....		(Guss-)Form
.....		fortschrittlich
.....		anspruchsvoll
.....	not only appearance	Konstruktion
.....		Unterstützung, Kundenservice
.....		Auto-Stoßstange
.....		Fahrzeug-Cockpit
.....		Mittelständische Firma
.....		glasverarbeitende Industrie
.....		Bereich
.....		Automatisierung
.....		Metallverarbeitung
.....		Elektroinstallation
.....		praktische Erfahrung
.....		Examen, Abschlussprüfung
.....		IHK
.....		HWK
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