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A Medium-Sized Company

Overview	<p>"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.</p>
History	<p>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.</p>
Employees	<p>The company has about 92 people employed. The majority of them are <i>engineers, 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.</p>
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&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	<p>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 livelong <i>support</i> that includes a 24/7 support hotline.</p>
Customers	<p>About 90% of our customers are car-part producers. We produce a range of parts like <i>car bumpers, 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.</p>
Apprenticeship	<p>Apprentices have their own workshops. There are two masters, who give us projects in the field of <i>automation, metal processing</i> and <i>electrical installations</i>. They provide us with tasks in the real production areas to <i>get 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>.</p>

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Vocabulary

English	Hint, Acronyms, Antonyms	German
toolmaker		Werkzeugmacher
enterprise		Unternehmen
automotive industry		Fahrzeugindustrie
injection molding		Spritzguss
blacksmith		der (Huf-)Schmied
metal processing		Metallverarbeitung
lathe		Drehbank
(CNC-)milling machine	CNC = computerized numerical control	(CNC-)Fräse
to retire	to be retired	in den Ruhestand/Rente gehen
family owned		in Familienbesitz
technicians		Techniker
master		Meister
education		Bildung
administration		Verwaltung
excellent		exzellent
headquarter		Stammsitz
company's site		Firmengelände
R&D	research and development	Forschungsabteilung
apart		Außerdem
sales office		Vertriebsbüro
branch		Zweigbetrieb
canteen		Kantine
parking area		Parkplatz/Gelände
main entrance		Haupteingang
to access		Zugriff/Zutritt
public transport	pub (-lic) = öffentlich	öffentl. Verkehrsmittel
mold		(Guss-)Form
advanced		fortschrittlich
sophisticated		anspruchsvoll
design	not only appearance	Konstruktion
support		Unterstützung, Kundenservice
car bumper		Auto-Stoßstange
cockpit interior		Fahrzeug-Cockpit
mid-size company		Mittelständische Firma
glass-industry		glasverarbeitende Industrie
range		Bereich
automation		Automatisierung
metal processing		Metallverarbeitung
electrical installation		Elektroinstallation
practical experience		praktische Erfahrung
exam		Examen, Abschlussprüfung
chamber of industry and commerce		IHK
chamber of commerce		HWK

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