

## Press Release

### **Window profile manufacturer Semperit Deggendorf celebrates 70-year company anniversary – further growth planned together with affiliated company Leeser**

Deggendorf, 7 September 2015 – The Semperit rubber plant Deggendorf celebrates its 70th birthday with 180 employees. Since 1945, the company has developed and produced high-quality sealing gaskets for windows, doors, gates and facades. At the competence centre for plastic window gaskets of the globally operating Semperit Group, more than 400 million metres of high-quality rubber sealing gaskets are produced per year in more than 10,000 customer-specific variations. Semperit Deggendorf will take further steps towards growth together with the German profile manufacturer Leeser, which has been part of the Semperit Group since 2015.

“What started 70 years ago with a few machines and raw materials has turned into a unique success story thanks to our committed employees and the quality products of Semperit. The key to our success is that we have continuously reinvented ourselves and have always adapted to economic change”, summarises Dieter Kaiser, Managing Director of the Semperit rubber plant in Deggendorf. “Right now we are also in the middle of a structural change – from PVC window seals to aluminium window facades. For us, this means new mixes, geometries, products, procedures and much more. Together with Leeser, we want to take a leading role in developing the market further, open up new markets and, as usual, convince customers with our innovative power and service orientation”, Kaiser adds.

#### **Reliable partner and solution provider for 70 years**

At the beginning of the company’s history in the 1940s, the Semperit rubber plant Deggendorf produced a large number of moulded parts, ranging from components for the automotive industry, shoe soles and rubber sponge pressed parts to window seals for mobile homes. In the 1980s the manufacturing capacities for profiles were extended and the remaining production lines closed down. At that time, the plant produced 35 million metres of sealing profiles with 2,400 tonnes per year on three salt bath extrusion facilities.

Today, Semperit Deggendorf is the leading supplier of high-quality window profiles in Europe. At approximately 20,000 tonnes, production volume is eight times as high as in 1985. By now, 400 million metres of special sealing profiles are manufactured per year on nine salt bath facilities. The main customer markets are Russia, Poland, France, Ukraine, Austria, the Czech Republic, Romania and Western Europe. The focus is on the production of customer-specific EPDM (ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber) seals, which convince through durability, noise protection and thermal insulation and special elasticity. “The seals we produce are by no means off-the-peg products, but are individually developed for customers. Quickly and reliably. This makes us the partner of choice for many renowned companies, including, Veka, Rehau or Hörmann”, Kaiser explains.

For photos of the anniversary celebrations please use the link: [70 years Semperit rubber plant Deggendorf.](#)

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**About Semperit**

The publicly listed Semperit AG Holding company is an internationally oriented group that develops, produces, and sells highly specialised rubber and plastic products for the medical and industrial sectors in more than 100 countries: examination and surgical gloves, hydraulic and industrial hoses, conveyor belts, escalator handrails, construction profiles, cable car rings, and products for railway superstructures. The headquarters of this traditional Austrian company, which was founded in 1824, is located in Vienna. The Semperit Group employs about 7,100 people worldwide, including nearly 4,100 in Asia and more than 800 in Austria (Vienna and production site Wimpassing, Lower Austria). The group has 22 manufacturing facilities worldwide and numerous sales offices in Europe, Asia, and America. In 2014 the financial year the group generated revenue of EUR 858 million and an EBITDA of EUR 102 million.

**About Semperform**

The Semperit rubber plant Deggendorf is part of the Semperform Segment of the Semperit Group. Semperform is a leading European manufacturer of moulded and extrusion components made of rubber and plastic. The wide product range covers escalator handrails, elastomer and sealing profiles for windows, doors and facades, anti-vibration membranes for skis and snowboards, sleeper shoes for railroad tracks and rubber rings for ropeways. These tailor-made products are manufactured at production sites in Austria, Germany, Hungary and China. In the financial year 2014, Semperform generated revenue of EUR 129 million (roughly 15% of consolidated revenue) and EBITDA of EUR 19 million. The business unit construction profiles is the largest segment of Semperform with a share of some 40% in segment revenue. In 2015, this business unit was further strengthened by the acquisition of the German profile manufacturer Leaser.