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A visit from the Federal Minister of Education and Research: wire mesh from GKD

GKD – GEBR. KUFFERATH AG welcomes VIP guest from Berlin: Professor Dr. Johanna Wanka, Federal Minister of Education and Research (BMBF), wanted to see for herself how GKD shapes innovation. Together with State Secretary Thomas Rachel she gathered information on the latest research activities and manufacturing processes of the company.

GKD CEO Dr. Stephan Kufferath based his brief introductory speech on six areas to provide an insight into the broad range of solutions offered by the owner-run technical weaver in its third generation. Alongside the broad field of water processing – the treatment of waste, ballast, industrial, marine or drinking water – he described metal mesh solutions for reducing harmful emissions, for regenerative energies, hygiene, optimization of building energy consumption and safety. In all of these applications, GKD contributes toward meeting global demand in terms of water, nutrition, mobility, health, climate protection and the preservation of resources through its innovative wire mesh structures. In his speech, Dr. Kufferath focused on the latest activities in the fight against the microplastic pollution of waters, as GKD is involved in several research projects of the ministry in this area. Just a few weeks ago State Secretary Thomas Rachel provided the international company with a grant for the Tire debris in the environment (RAU) project. GKD also takes a very active role in researching harmful emissions and regenerative energies. Dr. Kufferath named the automotive industry as one example where most manufacturers currently place their trust in GKD's particulate filters in the exhaust gas flow of combustion engines. However, high-tech mesh from GKD is also set to take a key role in alternative drive



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technologies such as fuel cells and batteries. Federal Minister of Education and Research Johanna Wanka listened with great interest. Her questions on the presented technologies and research activities centered on the means and strategies employed by GKD. These also included the closer collaborations with universities advocated by her and that GKD CEO Ingo Kufferath has actively pursued for years. As chairman of the research advisory board and a member of the executive committee of the Institute for Industrial Management (FIR) at RWTH Aachen as well as a member of the entrepreneurs' advisory board of the German Federation of Industrial Research Associations (AiF), he has long successfully shaped the close cooperation between medium-sized industry and universities for GKD – a declared goal of the minister. Finally, a tour through the company's production facilities rounded off the presentation of GKD's world-leading weaving technology.



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