

Press release

Freudenberg opens new manufacturing facility in China

- **Freudenberg Filtration Technologies Business Group's largest filter manufacturing facility worldwide**
- **Greater health awareness leads to increase in demand**
- **Focus on sustainability**

Weinheim, October 22, 2021. Freudenberg Filtration Technologies (FFT) today announces that it has opened a new manufacturing facility in Shunde (Foshan City), China. With a total investment of some 50 million euros and a floor area of 65,000 square meters, the site is the company's largest manufacturing facility worldwide. The new global research, development and manufacturing hub will produce filters for air purifiers, among others. The investment is driven by greater health awareness as well as an increase in the demand for air and water purifiers. "China is a strategic market for Freudenberg. Many of our customers are based here and it's therefore crucial that we also have a local presence," says Dr. Mohsen Sohi, Freudenberg Group CEO.

Home to new administration, production, logistics, warehousing and R&D facilities, the new site in Shunde is almost 60 percent larger than the previous one. More than 1,200 people are employed at the site. The new research, development and test center alone covers an area of 4,500 square meters, and the facility houses advanced production lines on an area of around 32,000 square meters. Automated material handling systems are used for the seamless integration of upstream and downstream processes. The new facility also has additional warehousing for more agile logistics processing.

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“Efficient production lines, a modern R&D center and motivated employees will enable us to provide our customers with superb innovations and improved product and service quality,” says Dr. Andreas Kreuter, Freudenberg Filtration Technologies CEO.

Jianmin Li, Global Vice President Consumer Division says: “Our customers will benefit from improvements to our R&D capabilities and production facilities, since such improvements will allow us to focus on optimizing existing product performance and quality while also developing innovative solutions.”

Focus on sustainable development

As an eco-friendly manufacturing facility, the new site complies with Freudenberg’s global standards and regulations applicable in China with regard to sustainability, environmental protection and occupational safety. Initiatives include substantial investments in wastewater and a modern waste management system. The facility will also achieve optimal energy efficiency with the use of rooftop solar panels and heat recovery systems.

About Freudenberg Filtration Technologies

As a global technology leader in air and liquid filtration, Freudenberg Filtration Technologies develops and produces high-performance, energy-efficient filtration solutions which improve the efficiency of industrial processes, conserve resources, protect people and the environment and thus enhance the quality of life. With its Viledon® and micronAir® global brands, Freudenberg Filtration Technologies offers customers innovative filter elements and systems for the energy and resources, hygiene and health, automobile and transport, production and building technology sectors, and for highly-specialized applications. In 2020, Freudenberg Filtration Technologies generated sales of €519.4 million and employed 2,853 people at year end.

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