

Press Release

100 new jobs: Freudenberg expands medical device manufacturing at Galway site

- 16 million catheters per year to be produced on 20,000 square meters at two sites in Ireland
- More than 1000 employees in Ireland
- CEO Dr Mohsen Sohi opens expanded site

Weinheim, October 2, 2023. The Freudenberg Medical Business Group, a leading global development and manufacturing partner for minimally invasive medical technology, today opens its expanded facility in Galway, Ireland. 100 new jobs will be created there. Dr Mohsen Sohi, CEO of the Freudenberg Group officially opened the expanded site. The expansion is a strategic step to meet the increasing global demand for so-called hypotubes, which are a critical component of catheters for minimally invasive surgery. It also enables Freudenberg Medical to develop increasingly complex products to serve customers worldwide.

The facility will increase the existing production area by 50 percent, while the newly announced jobs will increase the workforce by 25 percent. This will bring the total number of employees in Galway to 400 within the next 18 months. The new jobs include positions in engineering, research and development, production, quality and support services.

Speaking at the opening, Dr Mohsen Sohi said: "Galway, Ireland, is an internationally recognised centre for medical technology. We

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are creating 100 new jobs at our expanded Freudenberg Medical site in Galway to support our future growth."

Dr Mark Ostwald, CEO of Freudenberg Medical, added: "Ireland is strategically important within our global manufacturing network. The country is a world leader in the life sciences sector and is seen as the epitome of excellence and innovation in medical devices. By investing in our new, expanded site and growing our team, we are building on our 25-year history and strengthening our presence in Ireland-wide."

Freudenberg Medical employs more than 1,000 people in Ireland and has a total production area of 20,000 square metres at its plants in Galway and Co. Leitrim. Together, the Irish operations manufacture more than 16 million complex catheters per year, serving a global customer base. Freudenberg Medical has sites in major medical technology centres in the USA, Europe, Asia and Costa Rica. The Irish sites were originally established as joint venture partnerships with Cambus Medical and VistaMed, which have now been integrated into Freudenberg Medical. The business group generated sales of around 327 million euros last year.

Steven Langan, Vice President and General Manager of Freudenberg Medical's Galway site, said, "The continued success and accelerated growth of our Galway site is a testament to our talented team's commitment to high quality, innovative products and superior customer service. The new capacity, capabilities and talent in Galway will further deepen our customer relationships."

About the Freudenberg Group

Freudenberg is a global technology group that strengthens its customers and society long-term through forward-looking innovations. Together with its partners, customers and research institutions, the Freudenberg Group develops leading-edge technologies and excellent products and services for about 40 markets and for thousands of applications:

seals, vibration control components, batteries and fuel cells, technical textiles, filters, cleaning technologies and products, specialty chemicals and medical products.

Innovation strength, strong customer orientation, diversity, and team spirit are the cornerstones of the Group. The 170-year-old company lives by its core values: a commitment to excellence, reliability and pro-active, responsible action. In 2022, the Freudenberg Group employed over 51,000 people in around 60 countries worldwide and generated sales of more than €11.7 billion. For more information, please visit www.freudenberg.com.

About Freudenberg Medical

Freudenberg Medical is an innovative partner for the design, development and manufacture of medical devices and components that play a critical role in a variety of medical and pharmaceutical applications. With 11 manufacturing operations and more than 2,500 associates worldwide, Freudenberg Medical offers a wide range of capabilities for minimally invasive medical devices from complex catheters, hypotubes, needles, and balloons, to advanced drug/device coating solutions. With extensive expertise in molding and extrusion of thermoplastic and silicone components, the company also supports an end-to-end supply chain solution to deliver complex medical devices for diagnostic, surgical and biopharmaceutical tubing applications.

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