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Good neighbour in the region: Progroup supports children's theatre in Eisenhüttenstadt

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Eisenhüttenstadt, 17 August 2021. The events scheduled as part of the celebrations to mark Eisenhüttenstadt's 70th anniversary as a town were not able to take place in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Some of these events are now making up for lost time. One of these is a performance by the children's theatre on 15 August. This was supported by Progroup. The company invited all local employees with their families to attend the performance of "The Dream Magic Tree". The sum for the ticket prices was raised by the company. The city of Eisenhüttenstadt thus also has additional funds available for further cultural offerings.

"As a father of two children, I know how important it is to offer high-quality educational material for young families. This is why I am so delighted that by supporting Eisenhüttenstadt's children's theatre we are not only making a contribution in the town, but can also thank our employees and their families for their dedication," says Maximilian Heindl, Chief Development Officer and Deputy CEO of Progroup.

Progroup operates a paper factory and a refuse-derived fuel (RDF) combined heat and power plant in Eisenhüttenstadt. This is where the impurities contained in the recovered paper as well as sludges which are produced in the adjacent public wastewater treatment plant are thermally utilised. This produces the process steam that is needed for papermaking with reduced use of fossil fuels – CO₂ is saved.

The family-run company attaches great importance to thinking and acting sustainably and with a long-term view. Part of the company's philosophy is to be a good neighbour to the people in the region. This is why Progroup specifically supports projects involving the environment as well as supporting children and young people. With 14 sites in six countries, Progroup is a part of many communities in Central Europe. The company benefits from the existing infrastructure as well as lots of committed and well-trained employees.

About Progroup

Progroup AG, located in Landau in the German state of Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany, is one of the leading manufacturers of containerboard and corrugated board in Europe. Since it was founded in 1991 in Offenbach/Queich, the company has been pursuing a consistent growth strategy which, in addition to technological leadership, is

also based on the use of innovative and environmentally friendly production technologies. Progroup operates production sites in six countries in Central Europe. These currently include three paper factories, eleven corrugated sheetfeeder plants, a logistics company and an RDF power station. With 1,455 employees, the company generated sales of around 881 million euros in 2020.

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