

## TRADE BULLETIN

### **Chemetall receives highest Airbus supplier award for the third time**

*Frankfurt am Main/Germany, New Providence, NJ/USA, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017.* Chemetall, since December 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 a global Business Unit of BASF Coatings, has been honored with the highest supplier award in the Airbus „Material & Parts SQIP“ (Supply Chain & Quality Improvement Program). For the third year in a row, the leading global supplier of surface treatment technologies has achieved the „Accredited Supplier“ status, which values Chemetall’s outstanding performance and continuous commitment to provide top quality products and excellent delivery reliability. Only four out of a total of 68 strategic key suppliers of Airbus have received this “Accredited Supplier” award in 2016.

„We are very proud to having met the high Airbus SQIP requirements once again in 2016“, says Hendrik Becker, responsible for Chemetall’s Global Aerospace Segment and explains: „Our customer can rely on the ongoing commitment of the Chemetall team to maintain our excellent quality and performance standard and to accompany the Airbus growth strategy.“ His colleague Ronald Hendriks, Quality Manager and SQIP Coordinator, adds: „Last year, our experts Kirstin Uhl and Ulrich Eberhardt conducted three Lean Six Sigma projects together with Airbus. These projects contributed significantly to our success: we strengthened and optimized our internal and external delivery performance along the value chain and expanded our production capacity at the Langelsheim plant in Germany. We are delighted about this highest supplier award from Airbus because it acknowledges the continuous efforts of the Chemetall staff.“

The aim of the SQIP program is to advance the major strategic Airbus suppliers towards the goal of industrial excellence with regard to product quality and delivery reliability. In view of increasing production rates, this goal is of particular importance. Every year, the

performance of each participating supplier is reviewed and either confirmed or – in case of non-conformity with the requested quality standards – downgraded or even rejected.

Over the past 25 years, Chemetall and Airbus have established a long-lasting and successful business relationship. From production sites in Langelsheim/Germany and Soissons/France, Chemetall supplies numerous European Airbus sites with aircraft sealants, corrosion protection products, cleaners and pretreatment technologies.

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SQIP = Supply Chain & Quality Improvement Program

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For the third time running, Chemetall has received the highest „Accredited Supplier“ award in the Airbus „Material & Parts SQIP“ program. Chemetall representatives (f.l.t.r.) Kirstin Uhl, Strategic Marketing Manager and Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt, Hendrik Becker, Global Segment Manager Aerospace and Ronald Hendriks, Quality Manager and SQIP Coordinator, and as well as Ulrich Eberhardt\*, Head of the Aerospace production plant in Langelsheim/Germany, are delighted about the award.

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**About Chemetall**

*Chemetall, a global business unit of BASF Coatings, is a leading global supplier of special chemicals with a focus on processes for the surface treatment of metals, glass and plastics. Chemetall is headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and comprises about 40 companies and 21 production sites worldwide. With 2,500 employees, the Group achieved sales of about 845 million US Dollars (2015). More at [www.chemetall.com](http://www.chemetall.com)*

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