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WeCare – lived sustainability of the sister groups Leitz, Boehlerit and Bilz went into the second round with great success

The employees of the three Brucklacher Group companies wrote another joint chapter of success in terms of lived sustainability with great commitment, lots of enthusiasm and fantastic contributions as part of the WeCare campaign weeks 2023. It is part of the self-image of the three sister companies and their workforces to conserve resources, to treat the environment responsibly and to work for society. The employees have once again impressively demonstrated this with a variety of activities in the course of the recently held second WeCare campaign weeks.

With the global initiative WeCare, the family-owned company bundles local activities in the areas of humanitarian and social commitment as well as species, nature and environmental protection, some of which have existed there for decades. In order to make the momentum of WeCare and the team spirit something the workforce can experience, the WeCare campaign weeks have been held annually at the Brucklacher Group's worldwide locations since 2022. This year's campaign weeks far exceeded expectations.

Joint successes within the framework of the WeCare campaign weeks 2023

In 33 countries, more than 4,300 volunteer hours were contributed by 1,900 participating staff members in the name of the good cause. Among other things, 3.3 tonnes of donations in kind were collected around the globe, 99 litres of blood donated, 3,700 m² of flowering areas created and 2,430 trees planted. Other projects of the successful initiative were the construction of 240 insect hotels, nesting boxes and feeders for birds and small wild animals, as well as the establishment of 8 more bee colonies on the company premises. In addition, 1,8 tonnes of CO² were saved by travelling to work without a car and by eating meat-free meals. Furthermore, many helping hands removed 2.5 tonnes of rubbish from the environment and water bodies.



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All in all, we succeeded in generating donations and cash grants of around € 83,000, which were used to support local and nationwide organisations and projects. This resulted in around 50 social and charitable institutions receiving grants.

Living the corporate philosophy

The shareholder and the management of Leitz, Boehlerit and Bilz were impressed by the enormous employee participation in the second WeCare campaign weeks and the worldwide enthusiasm in implementing the heart projects.

Dr. Cornelia Brucklacher, Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board and shareholder, summarises her self-image as a family entrepreneur and her enthusiasm for the WeCare campaign weeks as follows: „As a family business, we take responsibility in society and feel jointly responsible for the sustainable development of our environment over generations. We continuously express this worldwide through our actions and numerous activities. Sustainability is therefore a core component of our corporate philosophy. The extraordinary commitment and exemplary acting of our employees fills me with great joy, gratitude and pride. Together, they have once again left a very special mark on their environment in 2023 as part of WeCare.“

About the Brucklacher Group

The three legally independent sister groups Leitz, Boehlerit and Bilz together form the globally active Brucklacher Group. The Leitz Group is the world's leading manufacturer of tools for machining wood, wood-based materials and state-of-the-art materials. The 5th generation family business was founded in Oberkochen, Germany, in 1876 and is characterised by long-term thinking and sustainable action. As a carbide pioneer, the Boehlerit Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of wear protection solutions and cutting tools for machining metal and composite materials. The Bilz Group is the globally active specialist for the precise clamping, defined movement and manual quick-change of precision tools. Through the vertical integration of the sister groups, they offer their customers coordinated and optimised solutions from a single source. The joint



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strength of the sister companies is continuously expanded through the realisation of synergies and targeted joint research and development. With a total of 15 production sites, its own sales and service companies in 38 countries with an exclusive worldwide partner network, the Brucklacher Group is a global player represented on all continents. The Brucklacher Group employs over 4,000 people worldwide and generates an annual turnover of around 450 million euros.

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iii.1: WeCare is a global initiative of the Leitz, Bilz and Boehlerit companies that brings together the worldwide activities of the Brucklacher Group, some of which have existed for decades, in the areas of society, social affairs and culture as well as species, nature and environmental protection. (Photo: Leitz/Boehlerit/Bilz)



iii.2_1-3: In order to secure the habitat of many insects, birds and small animals, numerous projects have been implemented worldwide for this purpose. (Photos: Leitz/Boehlerit/Bilz)



iii.3_1-3: Removing litter from the environment and waterways was once again an integral part of the worldwide WeCare initiative. (Photos: Leitz/Boehlerit/Bilz)



iii.4_1-2: People in need, but also charitable institutions, were once again diligently collected and donated to. (Photos: Leitz/Boehlerit/Bilz)



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iii. 5: QR codes to the official WeCare pages on the company homepages. (Photos: Leitz/Boehlerit/Bilz)