



## **thyssenkrupp Materials Processing Europe meets the stricter requirements of the automotive industry**

### **Europe-wide certification for ten sites in five countries**

Quality management standards in the automotive sector are extremely exacting. The latest IATF certification (IATF 16949:2016), which defines additional, stricter requirements than the existing EN ISO 9001 standard, sets a new benchmark. thyssenkrupp Materials Processing Europe, the service and processing specialists from thyssenkrupp Materials Services, has successfully certified ten sites in Germany, France, Spain, Hungary and Poland to the new standard.

Marcus Wöhl, Chairman of the Management Board says: “Certification to IATF 16949 is an important step for us toward meeting stricter customer requirements and remaining competitive as an important service partner to automotive OEMs and suppliers.”

#### **IATF as the current benchmark for increasing requirements**

On the basis of numerous risk analyses in various areas of activity, the assessment of all process opportunities and risks, and supplementary process instructions, the IATF standard sets stricter requirements and defines more systematic processes. Many topics are also subject to greater management responsibility in the event of process deviations, such as customer scorecards or the assessment of potential field failures. The standards were developed by the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) which comprises representatives from leading auto manufacturers and suppliers.

thyssenkrupp Materials Processing Europe meets all the requirements set out in the new IATF standard, as Quality Manager Dr. Gerd Gränzdörffer says: “We are delighted that we were able to complete this project promptly and without any major nonconformities thanks to very good employee preparation and awareness at all levels. We also view compliance with the stricter standards of the auto industry as confirmation of a structured and systematic approach in our processes.” The certification is valid for three years and is reviewed in annual internal and external audits at the sites of the Europe-wide network.

As a leading steel and aluminum service center, thyssenkrupp Materials Processing Europe serves fabricators from the automotive, electrical, construction and furniture industries from 13 sites in six countries. With their many years of expertise in procurement, consulting and

prefabrication, the processing specialists provide tailored flat steel and nonferrous metal services for a wide range of customers throughout Europe.

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thyssenkrupp Materials Services will be at ALUMINIUM 2018 in Düsseldorf from 09 to 11 October. We are looking forward to your visit at booth 13J15.

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The IATF certificates are available for download:

<https://www.thyssenkrupp-materials-processing-europe.com/downloads/index-2.html>

### **About thyssenkrupp Materials Services**

With around 480 locations in over 40 countries, thyssenkrupp Materials Services is the biggest materials distributor and service provider in the western world. The wide-ranging capabilities offered by the materials experts enable customers to concentrate more on their individual core business and span two strategic areas: global materials distribution as a one-stop shop – from steel, tubes and pipes, nonferrous metals and specialty materials to plastics and raw materials – and tailored services in the areas of materials management and supply chain management. An extensive omnichannel architecture offers 250,000 customers worldwide round-the-clock access to more than 150,000 products and services. A high-performance logistics system ensures that all deliveries are integrated smoothly into customer production processes on a just-in-time or just-in-sequence basis.

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