



China/Germany: HARDTOP HUAHENG (Shan Xi) wear-resisting castings Co., Ltd. launched

On 1 June 2015, HARDTOP established a joint venture company called HARDTOP HUAHENG (Shan Xi) wear-resisting castings Co., Ltd. The venture, which was granted its business licence on 18 November 2015, is based in Yangquan City, Shan Xi, about 400km south-west of Beijing. It is the first joint venture between a German and Chinese company in Yangquan, a city with 1 million inhabitants.

On 12 December 2015 HARDTOP HUAHENG (Shan Xi) wear-resisting castings Co., Ltd. had its official opening. Dr. Armin Ißleib, owner director of Hardtop Gießereitechnologie GmbH, Magdeburg and Chris Hofmann also of Hardtop, customers and officials representing Yangquan City and the Mayor, Director of the Technical Department, Director of the Investment Promotion Department, representatives of the Investment Bank and representatives of the Communist Party all attended the opening.

The foundry has 65 employees and encompasses 20,000m² of land. Its production capacity is 1600t/yr of wear castings. Bi-metallic hammers will be the company's future specialty product. The first bi-metallic hammers were produced during the second week of December 2015.

Germany's HARDTOP Gießereitechnologie GmbH was established in 1997. Today the company focuses on the development of innovative foundry technologies, bimetal casting technologies and services for the foundry industry.



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Representatives from Germany and Yangquan and other officials attended the opening.



Dr. Armin Ißleib, Owner Director of Hardtop Gießereitechnologie GmbH (second from the right) and HARDTOP HUAHENG (Shan Xi) wear-resisting castings Co., Ltd. personnel.



A ladies brass band played during part of the official opening ceremony. There were also fireworks.



Local employees started operations soon after the plant construction was completed.



The plant will specialise in the production of bi-metallic wear parts.