

# Press release

## **IMO inaugurates representative office in Beijing**

Beijing. – The IMO Group, one of the world’s leading manufacturers of slewing rings and slew drives, as well as experts in the machine and plant manufacturing sector, proudly announces the inauguration of its representative office in Beijing, China. IMO International`s Managing Director Lothar Seifert remarked his inaugural address “We do see great potential for renewable energies. Our Slewing Rings and Slew Drives are being used for years in wind, solar and tidal energies. Seifert emphasizes:” This representative office here in China is only the first step.”

Founded in 1988 the company grew continuously and is still family-owned. IMO has been awarded prizes repeatedly: It was named one of “Bavaria’s Top 50” companies and listed among Europe’s 500 fastest growing companies for several years in a row. With over 20 years experience in the alternative energy sector, IMO serves customers worldwide, including several of the top ten wind turbine manufacturers. IMO slewing rings are used in many applications, including blade, yaw and single main bearings for wind turbines up to 5+ megawatts; blade bearings for tidal stream systems; and slewing rings for construction machinery, tunneling and mining, medical technology and ship building. IMO’s patented slew drives are used in manlift platforms, solar tracking, cranes and as steering gears. The company also offers products and solutions for the machine and plant manufacturing sector as well as in environmental technology.

The representative office comprising around 200 sqm is located in the office block Kerry Centre, alongside offices of other major European and American companies. Executives of IMO International chose Beijing as the site of IMO’s Chinese office for its leadership and central position to the main land. Chinese customers will have 6 contact persons to answer their requests in the Beijing office, who will take care about the requests. In the near future a foreign subsidiary is going to be founded which implies further job creation in Beijing.

“We have been on the Chinese market already for many years, it is vital that we take the next step forward: Being within reach of our customers” said Oliver Kaindl, Chief Representative of the Chinese Office, “next steps are already projected”. IMO owners Hannelore and Erich Ruß entrusted their daughter and son Bettina und Martin Ruß to send their regards to everybody.

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