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Press Release

Fire at Milledgeville chemical plant

Quickly brought under control—no personal injuries or danger to the public

Milledgeville, GA, 22 October 2019 – Yesterday at 6:30 p.m. (local time), a fire broke out at the chemical plant of Zschimmer & Schwarz, Inc. in Milledgeville, Georgia. Thanks to existing safety precautions as well the quick and efficient action of the local fire department, the situation could rapidly be brought under control. All measures necessary to get rid of any potential damage were immediately set in motion. No casualties were reported and there was no danger to the population at any time. “We would like to thank all action forces involved last night for the quick and professional execution of the fire-fighting measures,” said Bill Burton, CEO of Zschimmer & Schwarz, Inc.

Damage to plants and buildings as well as potential contamination due to leakage of extinguishing water or product are currently being examined. A hazmat team that has been called to the scene supports decontamination measures and the cleaning of the laboratories. As of yet, the cause of the fire is still unclear and currently being investigated by Zschimmer & Schwarz in cooperation with the authorities. Further information will ensue as soon as there are any new insights.

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About Zschimmer & Schwarz

Zschimmer & Schwarz is a company with global operations, headquartered in Lahnstein near Koblenz, Germany. The company has been family-owned since its founding in Chemnitz, Germany in 1894. Our core activities include the development, manufacture and delivery of tailor-made chemical auxiliaries for the leather, fur, ceramic, textile and fibre industries. In addition, Zschimmer & Schwarz is one of the leading manufacturers of high-performance chemical specialties and auxiliaries for cosmetics and cleaning applications as well as phosphonates and polymer-based solutions. The corporate group Zschimmer & Schwarz combines 29 companies in 16 countries on five continents, 21 of them with their own production facilities.



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