**FMB 2021**

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**PRESS BRIEFING**

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Objective: short and reliable supply chains  **FMB – the supplier show for mechanical engineering as a platform for stabilising procurement**

**International supply chains are facing severe disruptions. Commodities such as plastics are running low and becoming expensive, the same applies to high-tech products and semi-conductors as well. And freight costs between Asia and Europe are rising so drastically that lower production costs are being offset by higher transport costs.**

This issue is causing turmoil in the industrial sector. In a recent survey conducted by Ifo-Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (Institute for Economic Research), 45% of the participants stated that they are having difficulties procuring upstream products. This is the highest number in the last thirty years.

Many mechanical engineering companies are currently evaluating the stability of their supply chains and the risks in relation to procurement. They are building up second-source suppliers, whereby preference is given to suppliers from the region in order to keep the supply chains short.

The FMB – the supplier show for mechanical engineering will be offering the right platform for these additional sources in November 2021. Christian Enßle, Head of Cluster FMB: “The show came into being in 2005 with the objective of linking the mechanical engineering companies and their suppliers in the region. Since this time, the catchment area of exhibitors and visitors has grown substantially, yet the basic idea has remained: The FMB is not an international purchasing platform. It thrives on the personal contact between the mechanical engineering enterprises with the suppliers – both at the show and in the projects initiated and agreed upon during the discussions held at the event.”

There is certainly a lot of catching up to do here. The organisers are working towards creating both a successful and safe trade show. Christian Enßle: Virtual trade fairs cannot fully replace what trade shows ultimately constitute. Face-to-face discussions, communication among experts, unexpected ideas – this works best at a “live” event. We create the platform suitable for this exchange and make it as easy and safe as possible for the exhibitors and visitors to come together once more.”

An additional bonus here: The FMB covers the entire spectrum of the supply industry. Design engineers, buyers and other decision-makers can obtain comprehensive information about trends and innovations – in such different areas such as metalworking, drive engineering and automation technology, assembly and handling technology, surface technology and related services.

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The 16th FMB – the supplier show for mechanical engineering will take place at Bad Salzuflen Exhibition Centre from 10th to 12th November 2021. An up-to-date list of exhibitors is available to download at www.fmb-messe.de

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