



## Germany's Federal Minister of Education and Research Schavan visits ebm-papst

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Germany's Federal Minister of Education and Research, Prof. Annette Schavan, visited the ebm-papst location in St. Georgen.

During a tour of the company, Managing Director Dirk Schallock showed her and the delegation led by Bundestag member Siegfried Kauder the latest product developments. Currently work is being done on a silent fan, which is already in the testing stage. Schallock commented, "Customer interest is high."

Schallock emphasised that the development of innovations secures the future of the company. ebm-papst employs approximately 500 engineers and technicians in the Group in the area of research and development. The expenditures here are significantly above the overall industry level.

The Federal Minister was rather taken by the new development of the biomaterial fan, which will be presented to the public for the first time in the beginning of April at the Hannover Messe. A world first, this fan is based on wood and is to reduce dependency on dwindling raw materials, such as crude oil. By the year 2015 ebm-papst wants to raise its share of sustainable biomaterials within the product portfolio to more than 15 percent. The "bio-fan" is the first big step in this direction.

"ebm-papst is a godsend for the region," said Schavan, lauding the fan specialist's high amount of development activities.

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