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Mulfingen, Germany

Many towns in the region were hit hard by the devastating flood in late May. In addition to the town of Braunsbach near Schwäbisch Hall, which became known throughout Germany due to the massive destruction there, towns near the ebm-papst site in Mulfingen also suffered from the effects of the flooding.

Examples include the villages of Bächlingen and Kleinhürden near Langenburg. Recalling how surprised he and the other residents were by the amount of rainfall, Langenburg's mayor Wolfgang Class says "In a short time, the stream turned into a mass of water and debris and made its way through the villages. Cars were swept away, cellars and residences were inundated."

The devastation in the two villages prompted nearly 40 ebm-papst employees to spend two days assisting with cleanup activities at the scene. The company coordinated the logistics with the bus and gave the employees leave from work. The volunteers brought their own equipment and materials. The citizenry was very pleased by this outpouring of aid and expressed their heartfelt thanks in a letter to ebm-papst.

Since there is still a massive amount of damage to be repaired, ebm-papst has decided to make a special donation of €25,000 for the people of Bächlingen and Kleinhürden.

The symbolic presentation of a check to Langenburg's mayor Wolfgang Class took place in Bächlingen. Ralf Sturm (HR manager at ebm-papst), Hans Peter Fuchs (Managing Director of Finance and Controlling at ebm-papst) and Alexander Kurz (works council chairman at ebm-papst) viewed the cleanup and rebuilding activities at the scene and presented the check for €25,000.

Regarding the company's flood aid, Ralf Sturm said "These villages are in our immediate vicinity and some of our employees live here. With this contribution, we want to show our solidarity and are pleased that we can support the reconstruction."

Mayor Class promised that the donation, which he said would be passed on to Langenburg's donation committee, would go directly to citizens in need. He thanked ebm-papst for its help, saying "We certainly don't take it for granted that ebm-papst has showed such commitment – first with assistance from its employees and now with this donation. We're very happy to receive it."

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Bildunterschrift 1: ebm-papst representatives presented a check for €25,000 to the mayor of Langenburg, Wolfgang Class. From left to right: Ralf Sturm (HR manager at ebm-papst), Alexander Kurz (works council chairman at ebm-papst), Hans Peter Fuchs (Managing Director of Finance and Controlling at ebm-papst), mayor Wolfgang Class and town spokesman Hans-Dieter Kastner. Photo: Linda Hener (ebm-papst).

Bildunterschrift 2: Forty ebm-papst employees assisted in cleanup efforts in the days after the flood in Bächlingen and Kleinhürden. Photo: Roberto-Fabio Nobile (ebm-papst).

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