

## Bergisches Land, 12-13 November 2021: KSM takes part in BZI Remscheid Open Days



*The KSM team from the Bergisches Land region on the KSM stand at the Open Days*

After last year's enforced break due to the coronavirus, the Remscheid Vocational Training Centre for Industry (BZI) once again held its Open Days in November. The KSM plants in Wuppertal and Radevormwald made good use of this to introduce their sites and training opportunities to potential applicants.

The event also allowed this high-tech training centre to officially use its new, 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> building for the very first time. The building is a flagship project for the region. This fact was echoed by the prominent speakers in their welcome addresses, and they stressed the vital role played by the BZI in ensuring that the metals and electrical industry has access to the next generation of skilled workers.

The event attracted a flood of visitors who were keen to learn about training opportunities in the industry and visit the stands of the 40 companies in attendance. Almost 300 invited school leavers also took advantage of this opportunity to secure an apprenticeship position. The KSM Castings Group stand proved popular, with visitors expressing strong interest in the training concept and apprenticeship opportunities at KSM in the Bergisches Land region, for example as a mechatronics engineer, toolmaker or industrial mechanic. "Our apprenticeship programme is actually very special", says KSM Plant Manager Thomas Langer. "We provide our apprentices with a training manager whose sole job is to look after their concerns, and in most cases we can guarantee a job once they have completed their apprenticeship."

There was particular interest in the technical innovations that were presented as part of a new room concept – including the advanced 3D printing centre. Once again, the Remscheid Vocational Training Centre proved that it consistently meets industry's need for a forward-looking training concept. The BZI not only seeks to impart technical knowledge and skills, but also to promote greater interest in industrial/technical training so that the next generation of skilled workers can flourish in the companies of the Bergisches Land region. Despite the Covid-related restrictions, it was possible for visitors to make new contacts and enjoy some lively discussions. All in all, it proved to be a highly successful event.



**Background:** KSM Castings Group GmbH is one of the leading automotive suppliers for lightweight aluminium and magnesium cast components for chassis, transmissions and engines. Together with its parent company CITIC Dicastal, the KSM Castings Group employs around 3,800 staff at production sites in Germany, the Czech Republic, the USA and China. Customers include automobile manufacturers and suppliers such as Volkswagen, Daimler, BMW, ZF, Bosch, Benteler and Magna. In 2020, the company generated global sales €507 million.

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