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## **SCHUMANN develops software climate-neutral with immediate effect**

**For the future, the software company relies on sustainable growth. Starting immediately, software will be developed in a climate-neutral manner at the location in Göttingen each year by offsetting all emissions that cannot be further reduced or avoided with an external partner. Furthermore, the company is planting 2,500 trees regionally on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.**

The family-owned company from Lower Saxony wants to take on even more responsibility for the future of coming generations and make its contribution to climate protection. Non reducible or avoidable CO2 emissions will be compensated by the company in cooperation with its partner "PRIMAKLIMA".

Unfortunately, the great majority of companies are not able to operate without any CO2 emissions. This also affects SCHUMANN as a software development and consulting company. In everyday operations, for example, heating and electricity consumption as well as business travel increase the ecological footprint. "We have recognized this problem for some time and developed various solutions at an early stage to save emissions or even avoid them altogether," explains Managing Director Dr. Martina Städtler-Schumann. For example, all equipment is Energy Star certified and almost half of the employees are equipped with a BahnCard, green electricity tariffs have been switched to, and even the gas arrives at the buildings from the manufacturer in a climate-neutral manner. Furthermore, many business trips have been replaced by virtual meetings, and the company's flexible home office arrangement also means that emissions can be saved on the way to work. In order to make the commute to work generally less emission-intensive, SCHUMANN also offers its employees the option of leasing a bicycle, the cost of which is shared by the company. But whatever cannot be avoided entirely, the company would like to compensate for with the help of an external climate partner. For this purpose, SCHUMANN has measured its annual CO2 consumption in cooperation with external consultants and joined the non-profit association "PRIMAKLIMA". With its help, the software company will offset its remaining CO2 footprint through compensation. "PRIMAKLIMA" is concerned with the worldwide reforestation and maintenance of biodiverse habitats in order to promote the global ecosystem and protect forests that are important for the microclimate.



## Regional tree planting campaign

Alongside the goal of climate neutrality, the company has taken up another cause on the occasion of its 25th anniversary: Together with its regional partner "Göpflanzt", SCHUMANN employees will be planting trees this fall, with the company donating a total of 2,500. This project focuses on reforesting the spruce stands in the Solling region of southern Lower Saxony, which have collapsed due to storm damage and deforestation, by planting deciduous trees.

Managing Director Dr. Martina Städtler-Schumann on the plans for climate neutrality: "For 25 years, we have stood for sustainable growth - for ourselves and for our customers. In the next quarter of a century, we will continue to take responsibility as an innovative and driving company in the industry. In the future, also for upcoming generations. We are proud to announce that we can now produce our software solutions at our Göttingen sites in a climate-neutral manner."

### \*About SCHUMANN

SCHUMANN is a family-run, German company that uses modern technologies to create innovative and reliable IT solutions for businesses worldwide. Many years of experience guarantee customers high quality and a stable, cooperative relationship based on partnership. The company's software products and comprehensive, competent consultancy enable companies to do business more efficiently and effectively.

With flexible, scalable products, SCHUMANN offers specific industry solutions in the areas of (credit) risk management, the associated process control and risk evaluation. Companies are put in a position to save costs through optimized processes and thus to increase their competitiveness. Industrial and trading companies, financial service businesses and providers of credit insurance and surety bonds have been relying on software solutions from SCHUMANN for more than two decades.