

PRESS RELEASE

PROGROUP DONATES 50,000 EUROS TO CORONA AID PACKAGE "TOGETHER IN LANDAU"

Landau, 25 June 2020 – To support the municipal aid package "Together in Landau" Progroup is donating a total of 50,000 euros. As part of a reception at the site in Landau, Jürgen Heindl (Chief Executive Officer of Progroup) and Maximilian Heindl (member of the board and Chief Development Officer) handed over the donation to the Mayor of the town of Landau, Thomas Hirsch.

"The initiative 'Together in Landau' is an impressive demonstration of how the region stands together in difficult times. For us as part of this region, it was our sincere wish to support it," said Jürgen Heindl.

The 250,000 euro aid package "Together in Landau" was put together by Landau Town Council so that, alongside the emergency aid provided by the federal and state governments, funding could also be provided for social and cultural institutions, voluntary organisations, charitable initiatives, aid organisations and cases of hardship.

Progroup's donation is an expression of its thanks for the dedicated work of the organisations that are making a tremendous contribution to tackling the corona crisis as part of the civil protection of the population in the local area around Landau. This is why 7,000 euros of the amount donated are going to the Landau Technical Relief Agency, the Landau District Association of the German Red Cross, the Landau local group of the German Life Saving Association and the Landau Voluntary Fire Brigade.

The company also wants to support the dedication of Landau Zoo School with 22,000 euros and thus acknowledge its tremendous work in educating children and young people.

"The corona crisis is ongoing and there are many areas of cultural, sporting and social life which really need support in the current situation," stresses Mayor Hirsch. Along with the donations from private individuals and businesses, around 350,000 euros will be available to strengthen the sense of togetherness in the town. "My special thanks, both on behalf of the town and on behalf of the clubs and organisations that have received funding, go to Progroup. With its generous donation, the company is showing how we in Landau are pooling all our resources so that we can emerge from this crisis stronger together," says the town mayor.

In spite of the effects of the corona pandemic, Progroup is looking to the future with a positive outlook. Production has been maintained in all plants while adhering to the strictest hygiene measures. As a company in the systemically important paper and packaging industry, Progroup has been able to make an important contribution to

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tackling the challenges of coronavirus by ensuring that the supply chains for vital goods such as medicines, foodstuffs and medical equipment have remained intact throughout.

The company still remains on course to grow. As part of the current 10-year strategy, the intention is to recruit a total of 400 new employees by 2025. In Landau, Progroup is currently seeking to bolster its workforce in the areas of marketing, media, controlling, personnel and the IT department.

About Progroup

Progroup AG, located in Landau in the German state of Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany, is one of the leading manufacturers of containerboard and corrugated board in Europe. Since it was founded in 1991 in Offenbach/Queich, the company has been pursuing a consistent growth strategy which, in addition to technological leadership, is also based on the use of innovative and environmentally friendly production technologies. Progroup operates production sites in six countries in Central Europe. These currently include two paper factories, eleven corrugated sheetfeeder plants, a logistics company and an RDF power station. With 1,293 employees, the company generated sales of around 887 million euros in 2019.

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