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## **Press release**

Start of the 2008/2009 training year:

### **BHS tabletop AG is training 11 new apprentices**

Selb, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. 11 apprentices started work at the porcelain manufacturer, BHS tabletop AG, at the start of the new training year on September 1st. The world market leader for professional porcelain trains its own youngsters, all of whom come from the region, and have been selected from more than 500 applicants. They will be working at the locations in Selb, Schönwald und Weiden in various commercial and industrial jobs, including typical professions in the porcelain industry such as screen printers and industrial ceramicists. In total, BHS tabletop AG is currently employing 42 apprentices in 9 training professions. In addition, BHS tabletop AG is taking on an apprentice who is in her third year of training at the Goebel porcelain factory in Rödental near Coburg, in order to permit her to complete her apprenticeship successfully.

At the central introductory event held at Schönwald, the Executive Director for Human Resources at BHS tabletop AG, Bernd Hummer, referred to the extensive qualification and ongoing training project "Intelligence achieves greatness" by means of which the company is preparing its employees for the challenges that they will encounter in their workplace during the next few years. He emphasised that BHS expects its relationship with the apprentices to be one of give and take. "We are expecting a great deal from them – and we will also give them a great deal in return," said Mr. Hummer. Following this, he presented the training manager Stefan Fischer as well as the master trainers for industrial professions, Thomas Berger and Hans Oppl. The Group Works Council Chairman of BHS tabletop AG, Helmut Häußer, and Siegfried Huber, the Works Council delegate at Bauscher, also wished the new BHS apprentices a good start on their career paths.

The first working day for the new apprentices was rounded off by a tour of the production facility and the Decoration and Logistics Centre in Selb.

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