

## Press Release

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### **German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel visits FAULHABER at the Hannover Messe**

**During her traditional opening tour at the start of the Hannover Messe, German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel visited the exhibition stand of the drive specialist FAULHABER from Schönaich, together with the prime minister Beata Szydło of the partner country Poland. Gert Frech-Walter, member of the FAULHABER GROUP management team and managing director of FAULHABER Germany, and Karl Faulhaber, managing director of FAULHABER Switzerland and managing partner, used selected product highlights and application examples to impressively present the diverse portfolio of small and miniaturized drive systems as well as the extensive technology know-how of the internationally positioned high-tech company.**

FAULHABER is a key innovator in many application areas – from robust DC motors, such as in the Philae lander of the Rosetta space probe to precise servomotors in bionic hand prostheses to the filigree micro drive with an outer diameter of 1.9 mm as technological cornerstone for minimally invasive heart pumps, which Dr. Merkel was very impressed about. "It is our aim to design drive solutions that are always optimally tailored to the requirements of the respective customer applications," emphasised Frech-Walter. "Our work is often at the limits of what is technically feasible."

The Chancellor expressed special interest in the new BP4 motor series. Thanks to an innovative segment winding, these highly dynamic drives feature not only an outstanding torque-to-size ratio but also weigh less than half as much as standard motors with comparable power. "We developed this series with applications in professional electrical tools and robotics in mind, where maximum torque and minimum weight and size are important," explains Karl Faulhaber.

The German Chancellor was very impressed by the practical examples, the range of applications, the innovative strength as well as the broad technology spectrum of the FAULHABER drive systems.

FAULHABER is an independent, family-run group of companies. The head office is in Schönaich near Stuttgart in Baden-Württemberg (Germany) in one of the strongest economic and most important regions for industrial advanced technologies in Europe. Founded in 1947, FAULHABER today boasts the largest range of highly developed miniature and micro drive technology which is available worldwide from a single source. Their main areas of use include production automation and robotics, aerospace, optical systems as well as medicine and laboratory technology. In addition to Germany, FAULHABER

maintains development and production locations in Switzerland, USA, Romania and Hungary. Moreover, there are sales partners and subsidiaries in more than 30 countries around the world. At present, the drive specialist has more than 1,800 employees, more than 600 of whom work at the Schönaich location in Germany.

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Visit of the German Chancellor at FAULHABER,  
Welcome from managing director Gert Frech-Walter  
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The German Chancellor at FAULHABER inspecting a  
micromotor with just 1,9 mm diameter  
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