

## **Occupational safety from the region for the region Customized hearing protection instead of capsule hearing protection for dairy employees**

*Ramsau, 24 June 2021:* Comprehensive occupational safety consists of a large number of measures. From the use of safe aids such as TÜV-approved ladders or the installation of railings to prevent falls from heights, to training in back-friendly lifting and carrying, to hearing protection. And this can consist either of standard capsule hearing protection, standard earplugs or individually adapted hearing protection. The Berchtesgadener Land dairy also uses the latter for its production employees. And so a station was recently set up outside the company canteen for the company bachmaier GmbH from Ramsau to make ear impressions of the employees\*.

### **Individual protective alignment increases wearing comfort**

It is easy to understand: The more comfortable the protective equipment, the higher the likelihood that employees will actually use the equipment and protect themselves with it. For this reason, the Berchtesgadener Land dairy offers individually adapted hearing protection for employees in production. For this purpose, employees of the company bachmaier GmbH from Ramsau were recently on site at the dairy. This is because precise ear molding is necessary for the manufacture of individual hearing protection products. This is done very quickly, explains Alexander Klemenc, bachmaier hearing protection product manager: "To do this, a skin-friendly silicone molding compound is gently placed in the ears. After three to five minutes, the hardened material is removed again and the ear impression is finished, actually quite similar to what you know from the dentist." The impression is then digitized in the laboratory in Ramsau and the production of the individual hearing protection begins.

### **Not hearing noise, but understanding colleagues**

The local dairy made a very conscious decision in favor of the customized hearing protection from bachmaier. "The plugs offered by bachmaier reliably filter disturbing or harmful noise and attenuate it to an absolute minimum. At the same time, however, signal perception and speech intelligibility, which is particularly important when working in a team, are maintained. This ensures maximum work quality and long-lasting concentration - without any noise-induced fatigue - which simply convinced us," says Daniela Hüttinger, HR Manager at the dairy. If the supplier also comes from the region and produces here, then this is also an ideal choice in terms of our sustainability concept. After all, the developer, manufacturer and service provider for everything to do with hearing is based in Ramsau. With a total of 55 employees, the bachmaier company has been developing and producing custom-made products for the hearing aid industry, the hearing protection industry and the music industry for over 30 years. The company now has

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production facilities in Germany and Hungary and supplies professional equipment to acousticians, hearing protection manufacturers and earmold laboratories throughout Europe.

\*Persons of each sex are always meant; for easier readability we use only the masculine form.

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Photo 1:

Caption: Corona-compliant ear molding outdoors for hearing protection fitting at the Berchtesgadener Land dairy.

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Photo 2

Caption: Hearing protection product manager Alexander Klemenc during otoscopy.

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Photo 3

Caption: In Ear product manager Michael Haider professionally shaping the ear of a Berchtesgadener Land dairy employee.

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Photo 4

Caption: Hearing protection product manager Alexander Klemenc checking the ear mould.

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