

Press release

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Knorr-Bremse invites students to a virtual Girls Day

Munich, April 20, 2021 – In keeping with a tradition dating back to 2002, Knorr-Bremse, the global market leader for braking systems and other rail and commercial vehicle systems, will be part of a Germany-wide Girls Day offering schoolgirls grades 5 and up a chance to try their hand at a technical career. Taking “Career guidance 4.0” as its theme, Girls Day will be held across the nation on April 22, 2021. The annual event is aimed at breaking down the gender stereotypes surrounding certain careers.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s career information day has been forced to move online – but still has a lot to offer. At Knorr-Bremse in Munich, some 15 girls will participate in breakout sessions and do on-screen technical experiments under the guidance of Knorr-Bremse apprentices. “We sent all of the participants a package with the necessary materials for the experiments in advance and are already really excited to see how they like our virtual lab,” says Celina Mangold, an apprentice industrial clerk at Knorr-Bremse in Munich.

Getting young people excited about technology

But it’s not just on Girls Day that Knorr-Bremse is on the lookout for young women engineers: The company offers information events several times a year as well as internships throughout the year aimed at encouraging high-school students, apprentices and college students to choose technical careers. “We would be especially happy to see more girls getting excited about technical careers,” says Florence Bröcheler, Head of Vocational Training at Knorr-Bremse in Munich. “To make this happen, we offer a range of activities for young people to learn about career opportunities at Knorr-Bremse.”

Other Knorr-Bremse initiatives in this area include the “**Girls for Technology**” camp. Every year since 2002, girls have signed up to work on technical projects at Knorr-Bremse and then presented their findings to an audience. In addition, since 2004 Knorr-Bremse has supported the popular “**mentorING**” program, which provides female students at the Technical University of Munich with mentors, encourages them in their career development, and helps them network. And since 2016 Knorr-Bremse has offered in-company events in connection with the “**MINT 4 Girls**” initiative (MINT = mathematics, IT, natural sciences, and technology). As part of “**KB for Kids**”, the company also offers the children of employees the chance to explore its apprenticeship programs and get a first taste of soldering, fastening screws, and drilling in its workshop.

Figure 1: On Girls Day, Knorr-Bremse will offer virtual information sessions about careers and job opportunities at the company.

Figure 2: Supported by Knorr-Bremse apprentices, Girls Day participants will conduct two experiments: The first involves building the world’s tiniest electric motor, while the second concerns generating electricity from a lemon and making it audible on headphones.

About Knorr-Bremse

Knorr-Bremse (ISIN: DE000KBX1006, Ticker symbol: KBX) is the global market leader for braking systems and a leading supplier of other safety-critical rail and commercial vehicle systems. Knorr-Bremse's products make a decisive contribution to greater safety and energy efficiency on rail tracks and roads around the world. About 29,700 employees at over 100 sites in more than 30 countries use their competence and motivation to satisfy customers worldwide with products and services. In 2020, Knorr-Bremse's two divisions together generated revenues of EUR 6.2 billion (IFRS). For more than 115 years the company has been the industry innovator, driving innovation in mobility and transportation technologies with an edge in connected system solutions. Knorr-Bremse is one of Germany's most successful industrial companies and profits from the key global megatrends: urbanization, sustainability, digitalization and mobility.

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