

*Press release*

**Production of large bearings at NKE:  
Steyr plant reaches record utilised capacity in Q1**

*Steyr, Austria, April 2020.* NKE Austria GmbH reports record capacity utilisation at its Steyr plant: more than 1000 large bearings were in production in the first quarter of 2020. Based in the Austrian city of Steyr, the bearing specialist follows a flexible production strategy, allowing it to produce large bearings in batches of as little as 10 and up to 500 units. Deep groove ball bearings as well as cylindrical, tapered and spherical roller bearings with diameters ranging from 200 mm to 800 mm can be produced at these volumes. These bearings are used in a wide range of applications, including industrial and wind turbine gearboxes, generators and railway applications.

“At an output of more than 1000 large bearings in the first quarter of this year, we have reached the highest utilisation of our production capacity ever,” says Stefan Weidmann, sales director with NKE. “Our production strategy at the Steyr site is geared towards flexibility and speed. State-of-the-art technologies form the basis for maximum efficiency and precision, providing us with greater flexibility with regard to our European OEM customers. After all, Europe is still by far our largest market.”

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**Images:**

Figure 1: Example of large bearings manufactured by NKE in Steyr, Austria: special tapered roller bearings



Figure 2: Production line at NKE in Steyr, Austria


**Company information:**

NKE Austria GmbH is a bearing manufacturer with headquarters in Steyr, Austria. The company was founded in 1996 by a group of senior staff members of former company Steyr Wälzlager. Spanish bearing manufacturer Fersa Bearings, which is specialised in the automotive sector, acquired 49 percent in NKE in 2016 and completed the acquisition with 100 percent at the end of 2018. NKE offers both standard and special bearings for all industrial applications. Engineering, product development, production and final processing of components, assembly, quality assurance, logistics, and sales and marketing are centralised

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