

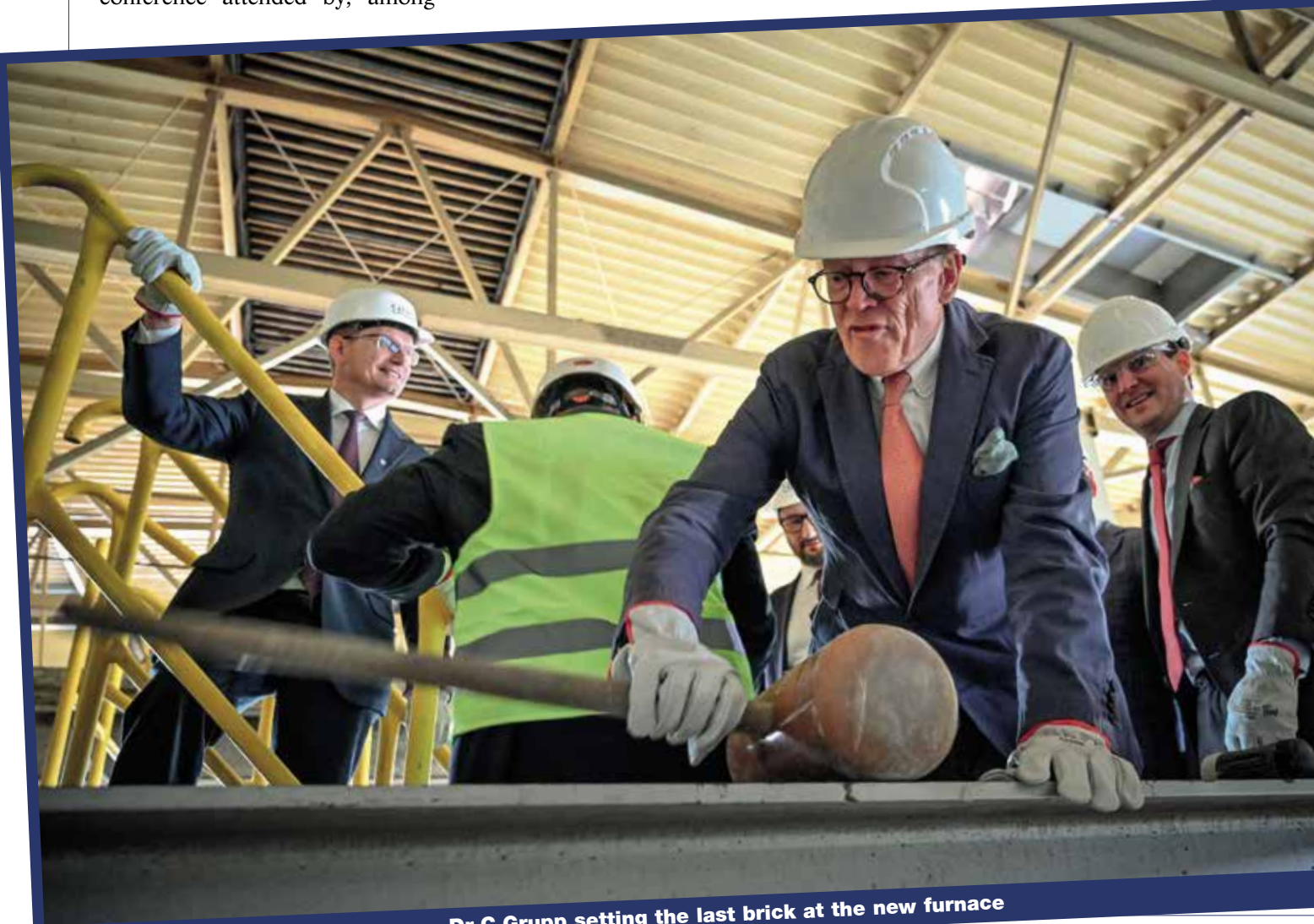
A first for STOELZLE with its biggest glass furnace ever

Inaugurated on July 13, Stoelzle's new furnace in Poland was scheduled to start operations at the end of that same month and will have an increased output of 45 percent. The last brick was symbolically set during a solemn celebration that included a press conference attended by, among

others, Krzysztof Matyjaszyk, the Mayor of Częstochowa, Dr Cornelius Grupp, owner of Stoelzle Glass Group, Dr August Grupp, Head of Stoelzle Glass Group's Spirits Business Unit, and Artur Wołoszyn, CEO of Stoelzle Częstochowa.

A WHOPPING UPGRADE

The new, expanded furnace is to reach a production capacity of 480 tons per day and will be provided with three, more efficient and faster production lines. Total investment amounts to EUR 45M (PLN 200M). State-of-the-art



Dr.C.Grupp setting the last brick at the new furnace

STOELZLE recently celebrated the successful rebuilding and expansion of its flint furnace in Częstochowa -one of the largest in Europe- in a project completed within the impressively short time of just eleven weeks.

melting technology will reduce the amount of energy used in the melting process by at least 10 percent per ton of glass and improved E-boosting will allow for the more flexible use of green electricity so as to reduce natural gas consumption.

“Construction of the new furnace was completed in less than 80 days. It involved a lot of work, challenges and experiences for our team, which handled the whole project very well thanks to excellent planning over the last two years,” said CEO of Stoelzle Częstochowa Artur Wołoszyn. “I’d like to thank them all for their commitment! Several hundred people helped to ensure that the investment went according to plan and, above all, adhered to the highest safety standards. In the next two weeks we will commission the technological infrastructure of the furnace so it resumes full operation at the end of July.”

A WIN FOR SPIRITS

Said Head of the Spirits Business Unit, August Grupp: “With its increased capacity, this furnace enables our Glass Group to service the Prestige Spirits market segment. We see a growing demand and wish to address it with the additional capacity. Together with a new printing machine in our decoration department we’ll be able to fulfill our customers’ needs for decorated glass bottles out of one hand.”

STOELZLE’S CONTINUING SUCCESS

Now with investment into another glass furnace and three



Dr. C. Grupp at the inauguration ceremony

new production lines at its Polish site at Częstochowa the Glass Group has reached a further milestone in its long-term growth strategy. Already in 2021 the new Logistics Centre was opened in March 2022 and a new high speed spraying line installed at Stoelzle Częstochowa - thereby increasing the decorations product portfolio, both for existing customers and new ones.

The furnace project contractors have mainly been regional

companies from Poland. These include TechGlass, Kobnext, Zremb, MAKO, Alpinet, as well as El-Logic, Tech-Met and Forglass. ■

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Stoelzle team and guests inside the new furnace