

PRESS RELEASE**Sales and earnings at high prior-year level**

Schuler announces preliminary figures for FY 2012/13 (Sep. 30):

- **Sales of € 1.19 billion on a par with previous year, new orders of € 1.16 billion**
- **Further slight improvement in Ebitda margin to 10.4 percent**

Göppingen, November 6, 2013 – In its past fiscal year 2012/13, ending on September 30, Schuler posted increased earnings on unchanged sales. According to preliminary figures, consolidated sales of the press manufacturer were on a par with the previous year, and as forecast, at € 1.19 billion (prior year: € 1.22 billion). Operating earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (Ebitda) rose once again from € 118.3 to € 123.0 million. The Ebitda margin improved to 10.4 percent (prior year: 9.6 percent). The company has thus already exceeded the 10 percent margin it had targeted for 2013/14.


At € 1.16 billion (prior year: € 1.30 billion), new orders received by Schuler were above the originally expected level of € 1.0 to € 1.1 billion. Following two record years and numerous major orders, the plant manufacturer had expected new orders to return to more normal levels. The order backlog as of September 30, 2013 stood at € 1.09 billion – just below the all-time-high of € 1.11 billion recorded in the previous year.

“Schuler is making successful strides forward. Over the past few years, we have enjoyed exceptional growth in both sales and earnings. At the same time, we have also successfully entered new markets,” stated Schuler CEO Stefan Klebert at the presentation of the preliminary figures in Göppingen, Germany.

Note:

The figures stated in this announcement are preliminary. The company will publish its final results for fiscal year 2012/13 (ending September 30) in Stuttgart, Germany, on December 5, 2013.

Caption

	<p>Schuler reached its sales and earnings targets in fiscal year 2012/13. With new products, like the Laser-Blanking-Line, the press manufacturer is enjoying international success.</p>
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As the technological and global market leader in metalforming, Schuler supplies presses, automation solutions, dies, process technology and services for the entire metal-working industry and the lightweight construction of vehicles. Its clients include car manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as companies in the forging, household equipment, packaging, energy and electrical industries. Schuler is the market leader in coin minting technology and supplies systems solutions for the aerospace, railway and large pipe industries. In fiscal year 2011/12 (ending Sep. 30), Schuler posted sales of € 1,226.1 million. The Schuler Group employs around 5,500 people worldwide and is represented in 40 nations. The Austrian ANDRITZ Group holds a majority share in Schuler.

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