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# Exploiting potential in the entire production plant

## Together with Staufen AG, Schuler Service now offers optimization of the entire process chain

*Göppingen, April 16, 2014* – Schuler Service already offers a wide range of possibilities to get the most out of press lines with measures for raising output, process reliability, part quality and energy efficiency. This is achieved by retrofitting innovative components, and not least by providing targeted training for machine operators and maintenance staff. Thanks to a cooperation with the production specialists of Staufen AG, Schuler Service can now also help optimize those processes which are upstream or downstream of the machine: along the complete path from raw material store to finished part warehouse.

“We aim to give our customers the best possible support in achieving their targets,” says Managing Director Axel Meyer, head of Schuler’s Service division. “The cooperation with Staufen AG means we are now able to offer our customers around the world one-stop consulting and solutions which enable plant operators to tap considerable potential.” The services are not limited to press shops themselves: they can be applied wherever metal is formed or cut – such as for the production of electric motor laminations and metal packaging, or for blanking lines.

Staufen AG is one of the leading consulting companies for lean production, i.e. highly efficient manufacturing with minimum inventory and short lead times. Schuler technology already meets many of the requirements for such production. However, there is often room for improvement in the flow of materials to the production line, in the field of die changing, and in part logistics downstream of the production line.

## Quick check to determine status quo

During the so-called “quick check”, experts from Schuler Service and Staufen AG carefully examine all processes and the extensive performance data of the press shop and use these to prepare a report with recommended action. These measures can then be implemented in close coordination with the customer – they range from production control, to the standardization of die changes, and optimization of logistics. The aim is always to optimize the entire value stream according to the principles of lean production.

The first quick checks have already been successfully conducted in the automotive industry. “Staufen AG and Schuler are two market leaders who have come together to offer a genuine added value for the customer,” summarizes Schuler’s Managing Director Axel Meyer. “We help customers achieve sustainable efficiency gains and thus enhance their long-term success.”

### Captions

Bild1.jpg: Axel Meyer, Managing Director of Schuler Service: “We help customers achieve sustainable efficiency gains and thus enhance their long-term success.”

Bild2.jpg: Thanks to its cooperation with Staufen AG, Schuler Service can now optimize the entire process chain of a production facility.

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*Based in Köngen, Germany, Staufen AG regards itself as a “lean transformer” which helps companies realign their business and perfect their functions. The company’s consultants aim to achieve a continuous improvement of value added processes based on lean principles – avoiding waste, raising productivity and improving product quality. An in-house academy offers professional training for managers and employees. With around 200 employees at 13 locations, Staufen AG is represented in Europe, China, the USA and Brazil. In 2014, it posted sales of around € 45 million.*

***About the Schuler Group –*** [***www.schulergroup.com***](http://www.schulergroup.com)

*Schuler is the technological and global market leader in forming equipment. The company offers cutting edge presses, automation, dies, process know-how and services for the entire metal forming industry and lightweight vehicle construction. 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 presses and supplies systems solutions for the aerospace, railway and large pipe industries. In fiscal year 2014, Schuler posted sales of € 1.18 billion. With around 5,400 employees, Schuler is represented in 40 countries and is a member of the Austrian ANDRITZ Group.*