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## **Borough Mayor Dr. Franziska Giffey hosted at Berliner Glas**

Dr. Franziska Giffey, the Borough Mayor of Berlin-Neukölln, visited the headquarters of Berliner Glas in Berlin on July 6, 2016. Together with Clemens Mücke from the Neukölln Economic Development Council and Wolfgang Hecht, a member of the SPD faction in the Neukölln Council Managers' Meeting, she was briefed on the development, products, solutions and successes of the global Berliner Glas Group and discussed training issues and the impact of the shortage of skilled labor with the Executive Board – Dr. Herbert Kubatz, Dr. Andreas Nitze and David Schwem.

The Berliner Glas Group is one of the world's leading providers of optical key components, assemblies and systems, as well as high-quality refined technical glass. At five sites in Germany, Switzerland and China, the Berliner Glas Group develops, manufactures and assembles optical system solutions for customers who use light for various applications.

In recent years, the Group's head count rose to over 1,100, about 600 thereof work in Berlin. Thus Berliner Glas assumes great importance for the business location of Berlin-Neukölln.

Dr. Herbert Kubatz and Dr. Andreas Nitze explained to the visitors in detail the contribution of the Berliner Glas Group to companies that use light for various applications: Light is utilized for high-tech applications, for example, for the production of OLED displays for smartphones and tablets, laser systems, equipment for the semiconductor industry for chip manufacturing, medical devices and satellite communications.

The final company tour through the production illustrated the details. The guests were visibly impressed to see all that is being done at the Neukölln site.



It was certainly not the last visit of the Borough Mayor, Dr. Franziska Giffey, in Waldkraiburger Straße 5, but a good start for a successful cooperation in the future.

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