



Saxon Minister of Economics visits the MAN Bus Modification Center in Plauen

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Martin Dulig, Minister of Economic Affairs of the Free State of Saxony, convinced himself of the technological level and the high quality of craftsmanship in vehicle dismantling and conversion.

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- **Positive development at the location**
- **High level of competence in the extension and conversion of electric vehicles as well as for the specific adaptation of municipal vehicles**
- **Dulig praises know-how and importance for the business location Saxony**

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Martin Dulig, Saxony's Minister of State for Economics, Labour and Transport and Deputy Prime Minister of the Free State of Saxony, naturally takes a special look at his birthplace Plauen. This is why he visited the MAN Bus Modification Center (BMC) in Plauen also this year to get a personal impression of the positive development there. During his third visit on 8 July 2020, Minister Dulig was able to see the craftsmanship involved in the individual conversion of coaches, including vehicle painting, the extension of municipal vehicles and the extension and conversion of electric vehicles. In a discussion with employees following the tour of the plant, Dulig acknowledged the continuously increasing expertise of BMC and its workforce since his previous visit in January 2019.

"The good development of the Plauen site is excellent news for the Vogtland region. The MAN Bus Modification Center is a figurehead and strengthens Saxony as an industrial location rich in tradition. I saw a highly motivated and qualified workforce today, manufacturing individual products with know-how," Martin Dulig summarized his impressions and added: "Incidentally, we are

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paying tribute to 500 years of industrial culture in the Free State of Saxony with a state exhibition lasting several months starting on July 11."

"We are very proud that the BMC has been able to improve even further since the Minister's last visit. In the MAN Bus Modification Center we have a high level of skilled workers' competence and an incomparable team spirit. This makes us a very attractive employer and training location in the region," enthused André Körner, BMC site manager. "With our range of services, we have often proved that we can implement new customer requirements flexibly and in high quality and thus help to shape the future of our MAN - as is now the case with electric vehicles, for example".

This was also underlined by Marcus Galle, Chairman of the Works Council: "Thanks to the outstanding craftsmanship of our employees, no customer wish remains unfulfilled. It is the people here at the site who make BMC so successful. To ensure that it stays that way, we attach particular importance to the training of young colleagues. I am therefore also pleased about the Minister's interest and, conversely, I want to make the promise to continue to engage in constructive exchange with politicians for a future-oriented location".

The tour of the plant included a visit to the joinery and paint shop. A closer look at some of the vehicles dismantled at the BMC was also very well received by Minister Dulig. He promised to stay in contact with the BMC in order to jointly advance technology and innovations at the business location Saxony.

The BMC's range of services extends from specific municipal extensions in the MAN TGE and eTGE vans to tailor-made conversions and extensions of, for example, team buses for football clubs or tour buses for music bands with seating and sleeping facilities, changing rooms and dining rooms, and goes far beyond the possibilities of series production.