

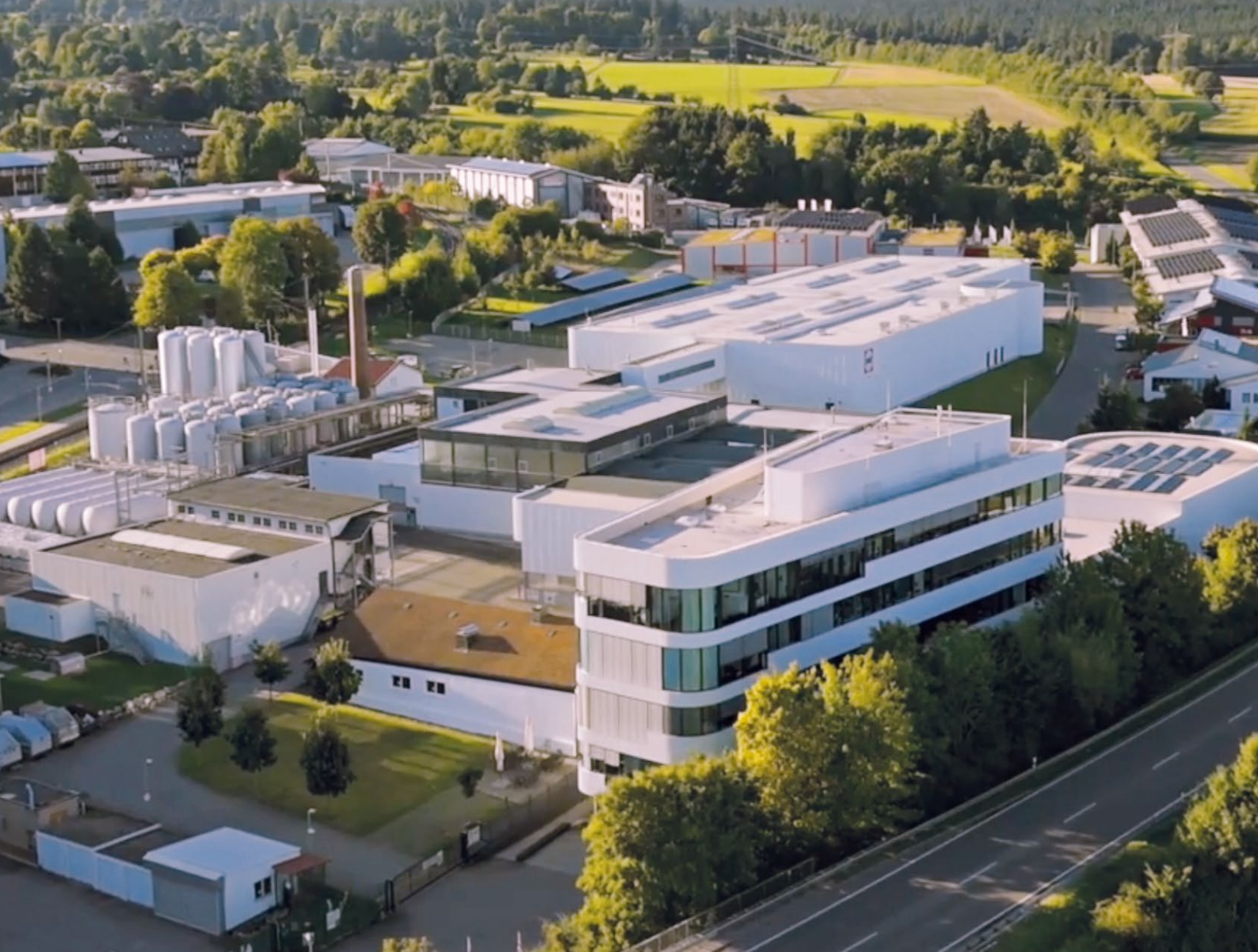
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Dear readers

Great events are looming large, and this issue of OestNews is dedicated to a very special milestone in 2026: the 111-year anniversary of the Oest Group.

Our history is full of people who used their passion, commitment and foresight to help take us to where we are today. Despite some hard times and crises during the past 11 decades, the Oest Group has developed into an internationally successful company. We are determined to keep it that way and we are taking on the challenges brought about by an increasingly uncertain climate. The world is changing rapidly – we are ready to play an active part in shaping these changes.

Together we are looking to the future with optimism while also being proud of what we have achieved in the past. We are aware of how important it is to set a strategic agenda for our company, because one thing is certain: The next chapters in the history of our company will continue to be exciting and unlock new possibilities.

With kind regards



Alexander A. Klein
Chairman of the Board





111 YEARS

One of the earliest photos from the founding years

TRADITION AS THE FOUNDATION – INNOVATION AS THE DRIVE

Full of courage and pioneering spirit, Georg Oest founded a factory for the production of technical oils and lubricants in 1915, in the middle of World War I – the birth of Georg Oest & Cie.

Despite the adverse conditions, the company founder carefully and single-mindedly laid the foundations for healthy and sustainable growth. In addition to an economically sound foundation, Georg Oest also created a tradition

of innovation and a self-image as a flexible medium-sized company. Hugo Oest, son and successor of the company founder, led the expanding company through the post-war years with reliable continuity. He set the course for modern management with a far-reaching whitepaper that placed humans at the centre of economic success. To this day, motivated, creative and dedicated employees are the key factor to success.



Georg Oest



Hugo Oest

SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

111 years – that is more than just an anniversary. It is a history full of passion, power of innovation and trust. Oest has been representing values that bring together generations since 1915: quality, responsibility and the courage to pursue new paths.

Today, the Oest Group consists of three independent operative companies: OEST LUBRICANTS GmbH & Co. KG, OEST ENERGIES GmbH & Co. KG and OEST SYSTEMS GmbH & Co. KG.

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The core business of Oest Lubricants is the development and manufacturing of lubricants. Oest Energies is divided into the areas “filling stations” and “energy sales”. The mechanical engineering business of Oest Systems is among the market leaders in adhesive application technology.

Focus on sustainability and digital transformation

The future is digital. For Oest, this means: linking processes, rethinking services and creating exciting customer experiences. By keeping an open mind for new technologies and placing a clear focus on efficiency, resources and sustainability while proactively involving our

employees, we shape pioneering solutions together with our partners and customers – without ever losing sight of our values.

Rooted in the Black Forest, at home in the world

Oest supplies the right products and services to many different industries, markets and processes. Depending on the business segment, we deliver to customers in Germany, Europe and all around the world. Our steadily growing international infrastructure has become even more dynamic with strong partners on all continents and our subsidiary NEW PROCESS AG in Switzerland.

111 years – and we are only getting started

This anniversary is a milestone. But most of all, it is a promise: We will continue to invest – in people, in technologies, in ideas. Together with our customers and partners, we are shaping a future that offers opportunities and responsibility.





New AVIA filling station with Oesteria in Ziemetshausen

ROLL-OUT FOR OESTERIA CONCEPT AT AVIA FILLING STATIONS

New standards have been set at two new AVIA filling stations run by Oest Energies in Eschau and Ziemetshausen with the dedicated Oesteria concept.

The modern technology and consistently future oriented overall concept alone clearly sets the new AVIA filling stations apart. In addition to offering the eco-friendly AVIA Next Diesel HVO100 with a CO₂ reduction of at least 85 %, the stations also feature several powerful AVIA Volt fast chargers that are supplied from PV modules on the roof surfaces, as well as a particularly sustainable portal car wash with ecological water processing.

Another special feature of the two new filling stations is the directly linked Oesteria, which was implemented as a shop and bistro in this setup for the first time – a concept that focuses on regional producers and conscious product selection to set new trends in the filling station business.

Oesteria – “conscious choices on the road”

The Oesteria concept was introduced in 2024 as a pilot project in the form of a smart store at an unmanned AVIA Xpress filling station in Freudenstadt, with a fully automated, robot controlled 24/7 shop. The special feature: All products offered at the Oesteria smart store come from local producers. This concept was now also transferred to manned filling stations so that Oesterias will in future also be available at conventional AVIA stations run by Oest Energies.



Official Oesteria opening after only a few months construction time

Although this concept is not suitable for all sites, there are plans to expand the Oesteria brand further. The new AVIA filling stations in Ziemetshausen and Eschau are the first manned sites with an Oesteria shop and bistro. At its core, the convenience range corresponds to the concept of the smart store pilot project in Freudenstadt, with a focus on regional products and high quality. This objective is reflected not only in the product range, but throughout the entire product presentation and service concept. The traditional bistro and shop range is carefully expanded and priorities are shifted: While the typical filling station shop products will still be available, a stronger focus will be placed on food and beverages as well as regional products –



The Oesteria till area – clearly structured and inviting

Winner of the Gold Award

At Check-Out Day 2025, Oest Energies was presented with the Gold Award in the “Small filling station shops” category for the design of the Oesteria till area in Ziemetshausen.

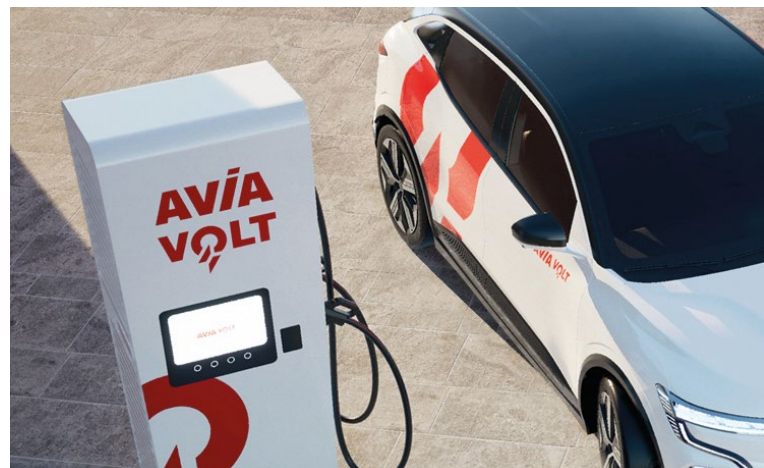
ENERGIES

not only in terms of quantities, but also with respect to presentation and placement. Tobacco products remain on offer, but are displayed less prominently. A more sustainable solution has also been introduced for the important coffee sales segment with the Only Recup reuse system, which has already been successfully introduced at several filling stations.

The name “Oesteria” is a play on the Oest company name, paying homage to the typical rural osterias in Italy that are known for offering traditional hospitality, regional products and reliable quality while also acting as a social hub. More Oesterias at other sites are planned.

OEST ENERGIES FURTHER EXPANDS E-MOBILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

In parallel with low emission synthetic fuels such as HVO100, Oest Energies is investing in expanding the charging infrastructure for electric vehicles on a large scale. New filling stations, such as in Ziemetshausen and Eschau, are being equipped with state-of-the-art charging technology. At the same time, existing AVIA filling stations run by Oest Energies will gradually be retrofitted with AVIA Volt hyperchargers wherever the situation allows – for sustainable mobility solutions that contribute to an emissions free future.



AVIA Volt hypercharger – powerful and fast



Software optimised glue re-application with automatic defect detection

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN GLUE APPLICATION

Oest Systems is one of the global technology leaders in the development and production of systems for dosing, mixing and applying adhesives in the timber industry. In the past decades, the company has played a major role in shaping and enhancing the state of the art with different application methods.

One of the latest innovations in contactless adhesive application to finger joints from Oest Systems pertains to the partial re-applying glue in defective areas, making it more efficient while also saving resources. The principle: Instead of re-applying the adhesive to the entire cross-section using all adhesive valves, the new technology enables targeted re-gluing of adhesive only in the affected areas. The result: Considerably reduced glue consumption and less contamination of downstream systems. Merkle Holz GmbH in Nersingen-Oberfahlheim was one of the first customers to introduce this partial re-application process with the appropriate software update.



Fully coverage of the laminated boards with partial re-application.

Automatic defect detection also allows for targeted cleaning of the nozzle, making maintenance easier and increasing system availability. The development for precision re-application of glue allowed for further optimisation of the process steps – with less glue used and reduced downtime.



Production Managers Franz Hölzl (l.) and Nicolai Gabel from Merkle Holz with Niclas Volkmer (r.), Service Manager at Oest Systems.

NEW PORTABLE GLUE APPLICATION SYSTEM INCREASES EFFICIENCY

Box girders, laminated rib elements and laminated block elements play an increasingly important role in modern timber construction. Oest Systems have developed a solution that combines efficiency, precision and sustainability.

Derix in Westerkappeln successfully use this Oest technology to manufacture box girder elements. Moving across the element, the automated glue application gantry system first applies a fine spray of water to the wood, because Derix work with PU adhesive.

of the gantry. The valves can be controlled individually, so that glue can be applied to elements with different widths without any manual changeover work. The parts at Derix are up to 10.5 m long, 2.75 m wide and 1 m high. Precision glue application with optimum dosing ensures not only maximum application quality, but also cleanliness in the entire system. When the application gantry is no longer needed, the application head moves into an oil bath to prevent the PU adhesive from curing.

Box girder element



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The even application of water with controlled spray nozzles provides the basis for optimum bonding. The glue is then applied with valves in a 10-mm grid at a travel speed of up to 30 m/min. This avoids excessive glue application, which reduces costs. What is more: The spraying and glue application processes are executed during the forward and reverse movements

The glue valves in the application head are always used in an alternating pattern so that all valves are used regularly.



The sturdy, but lightweight glue application gantry at Derix

WORLD'S FIRST IN SWEDEN – IMPLEMENTED WITH TECHNOLOGY FROM OEST SYSTEMS

The world's first data centre built as a solid timber structure using cross laminated timber (CLT) was completed in Falun/Sweden – a milestone for a sustainable digital infrastructure.

The EcoDataCenter focused on a particularly climate friendly design with a load bearing structure that is made of almost 95 % wood. Our partner StoraEnso used CLT elements that were manufactured on machines from Oest Systems. The solid timber design not only saved substantial amounts of CO₂, but also shortened the construction time and set new standards in terms of flexibility, fire safety and

energy efficiency. The project demonstrated impressively that wood is a viable alternative to concrete and steel even for highly sensitive infrastructures. A strong example of future oriented construction – and a great success in which Oest Systems played a part.



Construction of the EcoDataCenter in Falun using CLT



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Also ideal for harvesters in modern forestry

BIO HYDRAULIC OIL FROM OEST AWARDED SILVER MEDAL

In the participant competition, Oest Lubricants was awarded the Demopark silver medal for the easily biodegradable OEST BIO SYNTHETIK HYD 46 HEPR hydraulic oil.

The Oest product range for the automotive sector also includes a variety of lubricants for commercial vehicles such as forestry, landscaping and agricultural machines, including a range of modern engine oils, transmission fluids and hydraulic oils. As a partner of the "Climate positive forestry" project, we place a special focus on sustainable solutions – not only with our eco friendly special fuels, but also with easily biodegradable special lubricants.

In addition to the OEST BIOSYNT chainsaw adhesive oil with the Blue Angel eco label, this also includes the easily biodegradable OEST BIO SYNTHETIK HYD 46 HEPR hydraulic oil, which was awarded the Demopark silver medal in 2025.

The hydraulic oil is certified with the EU Ecolabel and impresses with a particularly long useful life, high performance and ageing stability. Due to its multi-grade formulation, it can handle temperature fluctuations easily and is therefore ideal for year round use. In addition to this, a change from mineral oil based or HEES hydraulic oils to HEPR is made possible by the drop-in capability without flushing.

Applications for Oest Bio Synthetik HYD 46 HEPR



Forestry



Construction machinery



Agriculture



Work attachments



Presses / scrap presses



Hydraulic systems



Municipal vehicles



Injection moulding machines



OEST LUBRICANTS – THE OPTIMUM PRODUCT FOR ANY APPLICATION

Lubricants reduce wear and increase the service life of machines, systems and equipment. They protect against corrosion, absorb impacts and ensure trouble free operation. Oest offers a wide range of greases for a variety of different applications, including low viscosity greases, multi purpose greases, long term greases and bio greases. These are available in different container types and sizes that ensure easy handling, safe storage and optimum use.



The Oest products are just as versatile as the applications for grease.

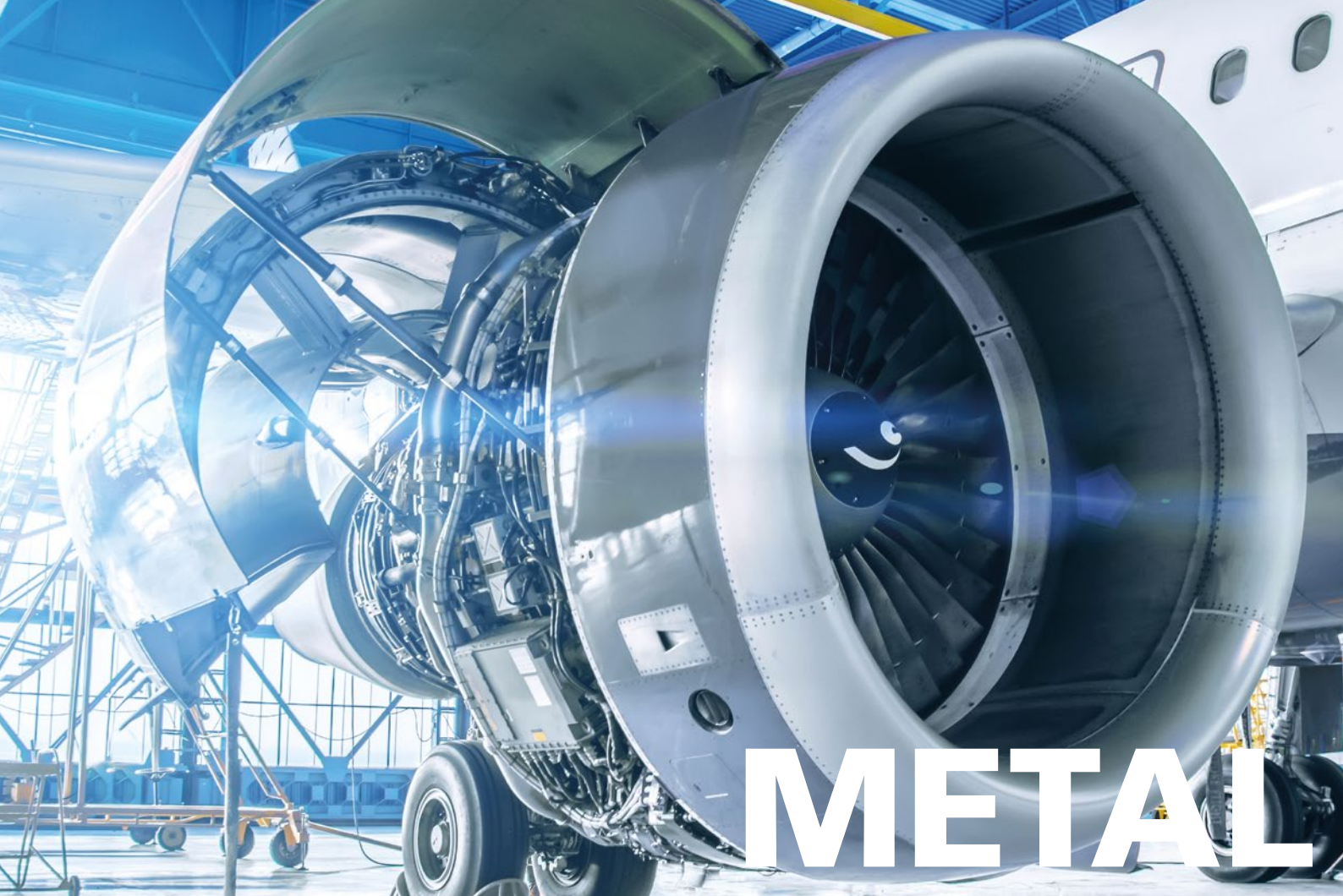
LUBRICANTS

NEW LABEL DESIGN WITH QR CODE FOR ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

As part of the company name change to Oest Lubricants, the label design for Oest lubricants and special fuels was also revised step by step.

The new labels of many Oest products now also feature a QR code that takes customers to additional information with a single click. This shows everything there is to know about the product: from safety and user information to important product properties, special specifications and approvals. This allows customers to access information more quickly and to find help with making decisions when it comes to choosing the right product.



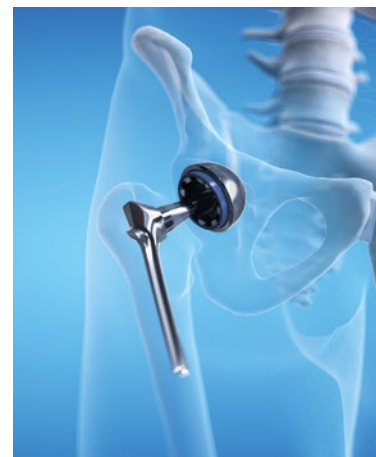


The aerospace industry also has very high requirements for metalworking

HIGH PERFORMANCE LUBRICANTS FOR DEMANDING APPLICATIONS

The development and production of effective metalworking media for machining and forming processes are a core part of the expertise at Oest Lubricants. The customised lubricants are used in metal processing in a variety of different industries – not only by many renowned car manufacturers, but for example also in medical technology, the railway industry and the aerospace industry.

A number of different materials and metals are used in aircraft production, which are often outside of the standards – not least because of the high demands in terms of long-term stability and load-bearing capacity of the structures while achieving the lowest possible weight. This requires optimised production processes where the lubricants



High-end precision requires optimum production processes.

used for metalworking are also a crucial quality factor. Oest Lubricants offers the right products for this as well as for many other industries with the highest requirements for metal processing, for example in medical tech-



nology, e-mobility and car body manufacturing and for the production of safety-related parts for rail traffic, high-strength fasteners or military applications.

The product range of Oest Lubricants also offers the optimum lubricants for highly sensitive metals such as aluminium, titanium and precious metals, as well as for the production of EDM electrodes. Its special know-how and extensive experience make the company a worldwide sought after metalworking partner. To ensure continuous improvement of the global infrastructure, Oest also relies on international licensed production, for example in Turkey or India.



The lubricants used in metal forming and machining are important quality factors.

WORKING

A "piece of Oest" in the Elbphilharmonie

The Elbphilharmonie concert hall in Hamburg (Germany) is an architectural and technical masterpiece that rests on specially manufactured springs. These springs are crucial to the special acoustics of this venue and ensure that the concert hall is free of vibrations. The spring system was designed to provide acoustic shielding from the rest of the building.

The special springs were supplied by a longstanding Oest customer who uses



Resting on springs – the Elbphilharmonie concert hall in Hamburg



cutting fluids from Oest for the grinding process. The cutting fluid from the Oest Colometa eco range not only has an impact on the quality of the springs, but also impresses with the special formulation without boric acid, formaldehyde releasers, methylisothiazolinone (MIT) or other critical ingredients.

ÖSTOL – FOUNDER BRAND WITH CHARM AND TRADITION

The history of Östol began in 1915, when Johann Georg Oest founded his factory for technical oils and greases. With great passion, he developed lubricants and engine oils that soon became known under the Östol brand name.

The close link to motor racing in the 1920s had a crucial influence on the image of Östol as a powerful partner for complex engines. The company continued to grow, in parallel with the strong increase in the number of cars on the road. The fuel was soon also sold under the Östol brand name.

ÖSTOL

More than 100 Östol filling stations were built in the Baden, Württemberg and Allgäu regions – a sign of the increasing significance of the brand. In the 1930s, Östol supplied not only cars, but also the “Graf Zeppelin” airship with fuels, oils and lubricants.

After the foundation of AVIA GmbH Deutschland by Hugo Oest and Johann B. Wagner in May 1952, Oest changed its previously regional filling stations to the AVIA name. The Östol brand was dropped for the filling station business and retained only for the lubricant sector.

Today, Östol is the premium brand for high quality engine oils and transmission fluids for historic vehicles, based on the earlier, original formulations. In addition to all this, Östol offers Östol Power 4T as a special fuel for classic and modern classic cars that significantly reduces harmful emissions while being ideal for the extended storage and winterising periods of these precious vehicles.



The Östol founder brand has a long history.





OLDTIMER OILS

Motorsports event in Schweningen in 1953

AN ESTABLISHED NAME IN MOTOR RACING THEN AND NOW

Östol was active in motorsports as early as the 1920s, in particular on the nearby Solitude Ring near Stuttgart. Many vehicles were supplied with Östol engine oils and transmission fluids for the races. Östol fuels were added to this later on.

Östol was also one of the main sponsors of the legendary first Ruhestein Hill Climb in 1946. At the same time, drivers in Formula 3 also received sponsoring, such as the successful BMW driver Willi Zimmermann, who was supported by the Östol Racing Team in 1952. Garages, specialists and professionals are

still fully convinced by the quality of Östol engine oils and transmission fluids for classic and modern classic cars. It is not only big renowned racing teams who use Östol Oldtimer Oils "made in Germany" for their classic cars. The number of racing events for historic vehicles is growing. Active participants like Frenchman Christophe Schwartz, who takes part in international races, rely on engine oils and transmission fluids from Östol, which are based on original formulations and are specially adapted to the requirements of historic vehicles.



Willi Zimmermann 1952



Kremer Racing Team 2019



Christophe Schwartz racing team 2025



FOCUS ON

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT OF THE OEST GROUP – FIGURES, TARGETS, CURRENT PROJECTS

Sustainable actions have always been an integral part of the corporate culture of the Oest Group. The sustainability report, published every two years, provides insights into the current progress but also into the challenges and future objectives in the area of sustainability.

The focus is not only on ecological aspects and processes that save resources, but also on the social responsibility of the company. This includes designing safe, modern workplaces with the added value of many attractive benefits and excellent corporate health management for all employees.

The Oest Group aspires to combine economic stability with sustainable growth. This is a continuous process that requires transparency. Our sustainability reports therefore address not only past successes, but also areas where we can still grow and where we see further potential. Current key figures help us to check the positive progress of our processes and to ensure continuous development.



Sustainability report with key figures and information about current projects



ADDITIONAL PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM INCREASES SELF SUFFICIENCY WITH GREEN ELECTRICITY

After a photovoltaic system with 83 modules and a total output of around 73 kWp was successfully installed on the roof of the Oest Lubricants production workshop, another ground mounted photovoltaic system with 552 modules and around 320 kWp is now being built on a large outdoor area between Oest Systems and the finished goods warehouse of Oest Lubricants. This further increases the self sufficiency of the Oest Group in terms of CO₂ neutral energy.



New photovoltaic system at Oest

SUSTAINABILITY

LABDOO AID PROJECT – DIGITAL EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE

With a donation of more than 30 laptops, Oest is helping even more children to access education and digital resources. Reusing refurbished devices contributes to sustainability and the protection of resources while also supporting a good cause.

The Labdoo.org e.V. non-profit organisation, which is supported by Oest for this project, is currently active in 155 countries around the world – including in Germany. The project has already supplied over a million students in need in Germany and abroad with free IT donations. At the same time, refurbishing the devices saved more than 695 tons of CO₂.

Oest not only donates its own used laptops to Labdoo, but also supports the project with official drop-off points at several AVIA filling stations run by Oest Energies.



Laptops being handed over to Labdoo.org e.V.

At these stations, anyone can drop off laptops, ebook readers, tablet PCs, etc. that are no longer needed. Before use, these are then refurbished, all data are deleted with a TÜV/Dekra certificate and new software is installed. Volunteers take the safely packaged PCs and laptops along on their travels and hand them over to the schools at the target locations – a CO₂ neutral process. This means that the Labdoo project impresses not only with direct help that reaches those in need, but also with ecological sustainability.



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SKIZENTRUM SONNENBICHL



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View of the Tegernsee from Sonnenbichl

OEST SKI CENTRE

Oest is the new main sponsor of the traditional Ski Centre Sonnenbichl.

The Ski Centre on the local mountain of Bad Wiessee on the Tegernsee lake is internationally known in the world of mountain sports. With its central location, the hill and ski run conditions and the excellent infrastructure and technical equipment, the former World Cup run offers ideal training conditions. The ski run was first mentioned in 1933. Today, the Ski Centre is one of the key bases for young Alpine athletes in Germany.



For the start of the 2025/26 winter season, Oest succeeded Christa Kinshofer as the new main sponsor and therefore also as the eponym of the Oest Ski Centre Sonnenbichl. With this commitment, Oest wants to support the club work and especially the child and youth development in ski sports.

Sponsoring activities include, among other things, the provision of eco friendly lubricants, special fuels and renewable HVO 100 diesel, which is also used to fuel the new snow groomer, saving at least 85 % CO₂



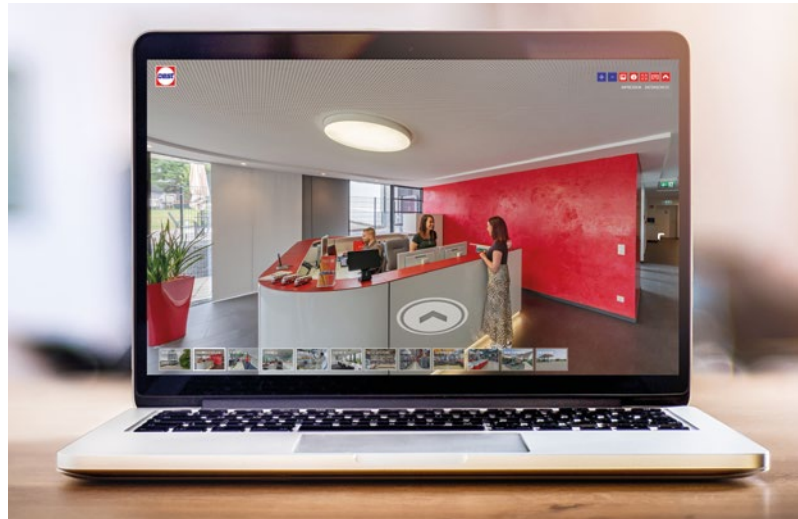
The snow groomer runs on eco friendly HVO 100.

VIRTUAL 360° TOUR OF THE OEST GROUP

To give third parties, e.g. job applicants, business partners or customers, the most authentic insights into our modern company, we have used 360° images to create a virtual tour of the different areas of the company.

The virtual visitors can select individual viewpoints in the company and then use the mouse to move in any direction. This provides a three dimensional impression of the different spaces and the option of virtually clicking through the business areas of the group of companies. Short video clips of employees are

played step by step, offering short explanations and background information about the individual departments.



On-screen tour through the buildings of the Oest Group

APPRENTICES LEARN FROM APPRENTICES

AlbA stands for “Auszubildende lernen bei Auszubildenden” [German for “apprentices learn from apprentices”] and has been a successful cooperation project between the Eduard Spranger school in Freudenstadt and regional companies for several years. Apprentices in their second year present their company to fellow students and speak about different topics from their apprenticeship.

The AlbA project offers students at the vocational school an opportunity to gain insights into the companies and their processes. The apprentices in turn learn how to organise these project days, including a company tour, how to prepare topics methodically and how to present these.

The most recent AlbA project day at the Oest Group was organised by our future industrial



Students from the Eduard-Spranger vocational school visit Oest

clerk Eren Balci. His talk focused on hazardous goods, quality assurance, production and logistics, but also covered sustainability aspects and ISO and environmental certifications. Students and teachers were impressed by the sheer number of legal requirements, the high level of safety measures and the research and development for sustainable product innovations.

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