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# KUKA Industries further expands its production capacity in China

## New production hall in Kunshan: KUKA Industries to start construction in November

Augsburg/Kunshan, November 2016 – KUKA Industries, affiliate company of KUKA AG continues to expand its market position in the Asia-Pacific region as KUKA Industries Headquarters Asia: November will see the start of construction of a new production hall in Kunshan, to the west of Shanghai. China is the biggest automation market in the world. The automation specialist already has production sites in Kunshan and Shanghai for the manufacture of robot systems and logistical components. The new production hall will create up to 200 additional jobs.

### Space for new jobs

The new production hall, which covers 17,750m<sup>2</sup>, will be occupied by KUKA Industries, formerly Reis Robotics (China). The site will house the prefabrication and testing of various battery production, foundry technology and intralogistics projects. Construction of the hall, which will create up to 200 additional jobs, is scheduled to be completed in January 2018.

#### Close to a growing market

KUKA Industries already employs around 300 people in Kunshan. Alongside the company's headquarters in Shanghai, the industrial location in Eastern China is one of KUKA's most important production sites. Reis Robotics opened its own 11,000 m<sup>2</sup> factory in Kunshan in 2013 in order to plan and implement turnkey robotic systems specifically for the Chinese market. Swisslog also has a site in Kunshan. Various logistics systems have been developed and assembled here since 2008. The Swiss company, which has been part of the KUKA Group since December 2014 as well, will also be assigned a section of the new hall for automation projects.

This new production hall will give the industrial location a further boost. "This will allow us to meet the rapidly growing demands of the Chinese market in the best way possible and further the growth of our companies," says Dr. Manfred Emonts, CEO KUKA Industries China.

Reis Robotics Deutschland has been part of KUKA Industries GmbH since the spring of 2014. The strengths of KUKA and Reis are now combined under the umbrella of KUKA

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Industries as a result of the merger. KUKA customers will thus profit from KUKA's global expertise in automation components and solutions for a wide range of industries.

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KUKA Industries is your reliable partner for intelligent, process and customer-oriented cells and solutions. Experienced employees adopt a visionary approach to developing and integrating automation ideas for the efficient and sustainable production of tomorrow. From the initial idea right the way through to production support, customers receive all products and solutions from a single source. With its comprehensive automation competence and in-depth process expertise, KUKA Industries provides its customers with a decisive competitive edge in the market.

From its locations around the world, KUKA Industries offers its customers in the Automotive, Consumer Goods, Energy & Storage and Electronics sectors, and in many other fields, innovative joining and machining technologies, laser welding and special welding processes, as well as all process steps for the foundry sector and for photovoltaic and battery production.