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Implenia supports international vocational training congress in Winterthur – Commitment to vocational training and talent development lie at the heart of business success

Dietlikon, 22 June 2016 – Implenia is a great believer in the importance of vocational training and nurturing new talent. With more than 200 apprentices, it runs one of the biggest training operations in the Swiss construction industry. The company also works with universities and colleges to encourage more young people to study engineering. At the end of April, Implenia announced that it was entering into a partnership with the ETH Zurich and sponsoring a new professorship in innovative and industrial construction. As part of its commitment, the company is also supporting the second International Congress of Vocational and Professional Education and Training. This took place from 20 to 22 June in Winterthur and attracted education professionals and business leaders from more than 80 countries. The theme of this year's congress was "Skills to Prosperity – Sharing Elements of Success". Its focus lay on the international exchange of successful vocational training elements and on lessons to be learned from international projects. One of the main subjects was Switzerland's dual vocational education and training system. As well as attending talks by international figures and podium discussions, participants have been able to visit seminars and find out about training organisations and vocational colleges. Around 450 participants from all over the world have attended the conference over the last three days. Implenia celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Its CEO Anton Affentranger spoke at the opening of the gala evening in Halle 52 in Winterthur about the importance of a solid vocational training system: "Ultimately construction is and always will be a people business. This is why our efforts in vocational training and talent development are absolutely crucial to our success now and for our next decade."



Implenia is currently training more than 200 apprentices around Switzerland. (Photo: Implenia)



For CEO Anton Affentranger, solid vocational training is vital to corporate success. (Photo: Standortförderung Winterthur)

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Implenia, Switzerland's leading construction and construction services company, also has a strong position in the German, Austrian and Scandinavian infrastructure markets. Established in 2006, Implenia can look back on around 150 years of construction tradition. It brings the expertise of its highly skilled sectoral and regional units together under the roof a company active throughout Europe. With its integrated business model and specialists operating in all areas of construction, the Group can manage a building project through its entire lifecycle and deliver work that is economical, integrated and customer-centric. The focus is on striking a sustainable balance between financial success and social and environmental responsibility.

Implenia, with its headquarters in Dietlikon near Zurich, currently employs more than 8,000 people around Europe and posted revenue of around CHF 3.3 billion in 2015. The company is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (IMPN, CH0023868554). More information can be found at www.implenia.com.