Press release

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**ALPLA apprentices qualify in Shanghai**

Nine technicians assessed based on the Austrian model

*Hard/Shanghai, 28th June 2018 – Four CNC-technicians and five plastics modellers from ALPLA China successfully completed their final apprenticeship examination based on the Austrian model. An Austrian–Chinese alliance has been in place for the dual training of future technicians since 2013. The examination took place for the second time at ALPLA.*

Nine ALPLA apprentices successfully completed their final apprenticeship examinations based on the Austrian model in Shanghai this week. In 2013, the leading international packaging specialist based in Hard (Vorarlberg, Austria) established an alliance for the dual training of future professionals, involving an apprenticeship in the company and lessons in the vocational college.

**Good results**

Out of the four CNC-technicians and five plastics modellers who took the examination, two passed with excellent results, two with good results, and the other five also successfully passed. They receive both a Chinese certificate and one from the Austrian Institute for Economic Promotion of the Austrian Economic Chambers (WIFI – Wirtschaftsförderungsinstitut). Three WIFI examiners travelled to China specifically to conduct the examination in accordance with the Austrian criteria. ALPLA has offered all of the young professionals a position in product development and mould construction.

**240 apprentices worldwide**

ALPLA currently has 240 apprentices across five countries. ‘We are also following the dual vocational training programme in Austria, Germany, the United Kingdom and Mexico,’ says Julian Fässler, responsible for international apprentice training at ALPLA. This is the only way for companies to find new skilled employees. ‘Since 2016, we have also been training mechatronics technicians in addition to plastics modellers and machine technicians. From autumn 2018, we will also offer mechatronics as an apprenticeship option in Mexico,’ Fässler adds.

**More information:** [www.alpla.com](http://www.alpla.com) and [apprenticeship.alpla.com](https://apprenticeship.alpla.com/)

**About the training alliance:**

ALPLA established the Chinese–Austrian alliance for the training of technical professionals in 2013 in collaboration with the injection moulding machine manufacturer ENGEL and Shanghai Information Technology College. Four companies are now involved. 140 apprentices are currently in training positions in the alliance in three occupations. The Bavarian company ODU (connection systems) and the Upper Austrian company STIWA have also recently joined the alliance.

**About ALPLA:**

ALPLA is one of the leading companies in plastic packaging. Around 19,300 employees worldwide produce custom-made packaging systems, bottles, closures and moulded parts at 176 sites across 45 countries. The high-quality packaging is used in a wide range of areas, including for food and drinks, cosmetics and care products, household detergents, washing and cleaning agents, engine oils and lubricants. ALPLA celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2015.

**Caption:**

**ALPLA-LAP-China-2018.jpg:** Nine ALPLA apprentices successfully completed their final apprenticeship examinations based on the Austrian model in Shanghai at the end of June. The four CNC-technicians and five plastics modellers will now be employed by ALPLA.

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