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Voith hosts U.S. Ambassador to Germany

Ambassador Amy Gutmann recently toured Voith Hydro's flagship North American facility in York, Pa.

YORK, Pa. (May 9, 2023) – U.S. Ambassador to Germany, Dr. Amy Gutmann recently toured Voith Hydro's manufacturing facility in York, Pa. The facility is one of the largest, dedicated hydropower manufacturing facilities in the world and has been in York for more than 145 years. Ambassador Gutmann visited Voith Hydro prior to her participation in the [SelectUSA Investment Summit](#) in Washington, D.C., a summit focused on foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United States. Ambassador Gutmann received a behind-the-scenes tour of Voith Hydro's state-of-the-art facility and learned about the company's commitment to the U.S. market. Members of Voith's management team also discussed the company's commitment to infrastructure investment, made in America products, and apprenticeship program that trains the skilled craftspersons who build the hydroelectric turbines that bring clean energy to homes across the U.S.

Ambassador Gutmann is very familiar with Pennsylvania. Prior to being confirmed by the Senate in February 2022, she served as President of the University of Pennsylvania for 18 years. As Ambassador, one of her priorities is encouraging German investment in the U.S. and a strong bilateral economic relationship between the two allies. In total across its three group divisions, Voith Hydro, Voith Paper and Voith Turbo has more than 2,100 employees in the U.S. working in 40 states.

"It was an honor to welcome Ambassador Gutmann to our North American headquarters in York," said John Seifarth, Senior Vice President and COO, Voith Hydro North America. "The Ambassador has a strong appreciation for the shared values and economic ties between the U.S. and Germany. We are proud of our Pennsylvania roots that date back to the 1870s. Voith is a model for how the private sector in our two countries can work together to build sustainable energy while growing our economies."

Voith Turbo also has a U.S. headquarters located in York, Pa. Voith Turbo specializes in drive technology across diverse industries, including oil and gas, energy, mining and mechanical engineering, ship technology, rail and commercial vehicles. In late 2023, Voith Turbo will be undergoing a facility expansion that will allow the company to increase its U.S. manufacturing and assembly capabilities. Ralf Dreckmann, President of Voith Turbo North America, was part of the delegation that welcomed Ambassador Gutmann to York.

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About the Voith Group

The Voith Group is a global technology company. With its broad portfolio of systems, products, services, and digital applications, Voith sets standards in the markets of energy, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, the company today has around 21,000 employees, sales of \$5.2 billion and locations in over 60 countries worldwide and is thus one of the larger family-owned companies in Europe.

The Group Division Voith Hydro is part of the Voith Group and a leading full-line supplier as well as trusted partner for equipping hydropower plants. Voith develops customized, long-term solutions and services for large and small hydro plants all over the world. Its portfolio of products and services covers the entire life cycle and all major components for large and small hydro plants, from generators, turbines, pumps and automation systems, right through to spare parts, maintenance and training services, and digital solutions for intelligent hydropower.



Photo Caption: Voith recently welcomed U.S. Ambassador to Germany Dr. Amy Gutmann for a tour of the Voith Hydro workshop in York, Pa. (From left to right: Jake Miner, Chief of Staff; Christin Mechler, Senior Investment Specialist, Select USA, US Embassy Berlin; Ralph Dreckmann, President, Voith Turbo NA; John Seifarth, SVP & COO, Voith Hydro NA; Dr. Amy Gutmann, U.S. Ambassador to Germany; and Sheryl Zapcic, Director, Group Communications, Voith US Inc.)



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