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# Recaro breaks ground on China plant expansion

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Recaro Aircraft Seating CEO and Shareholder Dr. Mark Hiller during his opening speech at the groundbreaking ceremony in Qingdao

Recaro Aircraft Seating China held a groundbreaking ceremony at the end of July for the second phase of its facility in Qingdao in Shandong Province.

The total construction area is roughly 7,500 square meters and includes four assembly lines to increase their maximum seat production capability to 60,000 seats per year. Construction is scheduled for completion next year.

“This expansion project bears witness to Recaro’s solid commitment to the Chinese market,” said Dr. Mark Hiller, Chief Executive Officer and Shareholder of Recaro Aircraft Seating. “When we chose to set up our plant here and invest in Qingdao six years ago, we knew it was the right decision and we are delighted with the support we have received from the High Technology Industrial & Development Zone of Qingdao.”

Hiller also announced Recaro’s phase three investment plans, which will further support ongoing business growth in the Asia-Pacific region.

Shang Liqun, Deputy Party Secretary of Qingdao High-Tech Zone Government sincerely congratulated Recaro for the ground breaking ceremony Phase II. Qingdao with its high-tech emerging industrial organization and entrepreneurship demonstration project was is part of the “China Entrepreneurs” 1

Action Plan.

Recaro Aircraft Seating China is one of the early pioneering investors in the High Technology Industrial and Development Zone of Qingdao, a state-level zone approved by the State Council in May of 1992. The zone houses a national-level collegiate science and technology park as well as a state-level software industrial base.

Recaro was the first international aircraft seat manufacturer to set up production facilities in China. The company has been operating in Qingdao for nearly five years and has doubled their production output over the past two years, in large part due to outstanding support, recognition and collaboration from all parties involved.

“Recaro Aircraft Seating China does not only act as a production site, but also provides an important basis for our Asia Pacific business developments,” says Irene Tan, Recaro Aircraft Seating’s General Manager, Asia Pacific Region. “Tremendous achievements were made within the past five years.”