

al adhesives, underbody sealant and insulation or to bond windscreens. The growth rates for these applications in the vehicle manufacturing industry and in other industries are above 10 percent per year, driven among other things by the ongoing trend for combining different materials to produce lightweight structures.

### Opening up new areas of business

In future, SCA is aiming to maintain its two-digit growth levels, as Berthold Peters explained. The company is planning to achieve this by exploiting synergies within the Atlas Copco Group and by doing business in new regions, such as Asia, Eastern Europe and India, and in new segments. In this context he mentioned in particular the automotive supply sector and areas of general industry. He sees good prospects for growth in the aerospace industry, the domestic appliance manufacturing sector, solar technology, wind energy and shipbuilding. He is working on the assumption that in four to five years these areas will make up around 20 percent of the company's entire business.



Growth rates for dosing applications in the automotive industry and also in other sectors have currently reached more than 10 percent.

### Highly qualified employees needed

In order to achieve this, SCA will expand its product portfolio and invest heavily in its employees and their qualifications. "At the beginning of 2012 there were around 200 people working in Bretten and now the figure is approximately 280," explained Peters. Worldwide the workforce has grown from just over 300 to 400 in 15 months. The company will be recruiting more engineers and technicians for its sales and tech-

nical departments and increasing its support for courses at the Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University. SCA provides training for the industrial, mechanical and electrical engineering courses and for IT. "Because we belong to the Atlas Copco Group which employs 40,000 people, we can also offer our employees good career opportunities in other areas of the group in Germany and throughout the world," said Berthold Peters, who has himself held a range of positions within the group. ■

## Netzsch Barrel Emptying System Wins Innovation Prize

Netzsch Pumps & Systems was awarded the "Primer curso de innovación" innovation prize at the Agroexpo 2013 trade fair in Spain. This is now the third time in succession that the pump manufacturer has been honoured with an innovation prize for its products in other European countries. This time it was the economy version of the NBE 200 barrel emptying system for 200 litre barrels which was able to impress the jurors, who put it in second place among the 23 finalists. Netzsch barrel emptying systems are supplied as standard for 5 litre, 20 litre and 200 litre barrels. However, other sizes of up to 1,000 litres are also available on request. They can be operated on their own or as part of a dosing system with a control unit, buffer and various application units, from valves

to two-part mixing heads and including dispensers. The barrel emptying systems have been further developed to provide more capacity with fewer components and more advantageous manufacturing costs compared to the predecessor models. ■

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Miguel Córdoba (right), General Director of Industrial Management and Trade from the Regional Ministry of Employment, Enterprise and Innovation in the Government of Extremadura, congratulates the Managing Director of Netzsch in Spain, Carles Gonzales, on the innovation prize.