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A warm welcome to guests from Vilankulo

A tour group from Mozambique visited the MAPAL main plant in Aalen. Eleven young people from the town of Vilankulo were given an insight into training and working in the company.

Vilankulo and Aalen are linked by a town friendship which is supported by MAPAL. As part of their stay in Germany, a tour group from Vilankulo visited MAPAL's headquarters and met with trainers, apprentices and other employees. Uwe Heßler, Head of Training and Further Education at MAPAL, showed the young visitors around the company's 2,500 square metre training centre. He presented the various professions in which MAPAL provides training and explained the dual training model to the guests from Mozambique. Afterwards the young people were able to gain impressions of what happens next for apprentices at MAPAL after they have completed their training. They were guided through one of the ten production halls, where a world still unknown to them opened up. The young people commented with amazement on the dimensions of the building, the technical level of the machines and the complex processes involved in the production of precision tools. In Mozambique, one of the poorest countries in the world, people mainly work manually or with simple machines. The education and work situation in Mozambique was then also one of the topics that Dr Jochen Kress, President of the MAPAL Group, spoke about with the guests from Vilankulo. For many years MAPAL has been committed to improving career and life opportunities in Africa and is involved in training projects run by various aid organisations.

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Caption 1:

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The group in front of the entrance gate to the MAPAL main factory, with (f. l.) interpreter Bastian Thurner and Uwe Heßler (MAPAL).

Caption 2:



Dr Jochen Kress, President of the MAPAL Group, talking to the guests from Mozambique.

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