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BIKAR Metalle becomes "ClimateSafe"



Bad Berleburg-Raumland. Climate change is one of the most important issues of our time. At the latest since the Ahr floods last year, it has become clear how devastating the effects of heavy rain and storms can be. Heat waves will also increase significantly in the coming years. All these weather extremes harbor a great potential

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for damage, also for companies in our home region of Siegen-Wittgenstein. In addition to the danger to the safety of employees and direct property damage, long-term production losses and disruptions in the supply chain are potential consequences of weather extremes.

In order to prevent these dangers, BIKAR METALLE GmbH from Bad Berleburg-Raumland has successfully participated in the "ClimateSafe" project in recent months. At the final event of the project, which is funded by the EU and the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, Sustainability Manager Lisa Schmidt and Process Manager Volker Jussen were presented with the corresponding certificate. Managing Director Pascal Bikar emphasizes: "By taking suitable adaptation measures, we can prevent the effects of weather extremes on our company, make ourselves climate-proof and thus protect our employees and avoid property damage, production downtime and disruptions."

For a year, the TU Dortmund University and RWTH Aachen University investigated the specific risks posed by climate change for the participating companies from the districts of Soest, Warendorf and Siegen-Wittgenstein as part of the "ClimateSafe" project. In workshops and on-site meetings, a climate impact analysis as well as an inventory analysis for risk assessment at the company location in the industrial area Raumland were carried out. Here, for example, the location between Hopplerbach and Eder and the resulting flood risk were mentioned as a possible source of danger for BIKAR. The practical approach of the project and the cooperation with experts have already led to the development of concrete proposals for solutions and possible adaptation strategies. Thus, BIKAR takes away much more from the "ClimateSafe" project than the certificate can say. Newly acquired expert knowledge, a closer look at possible sources of danger, important contacts and a framework for action to adapt the company to changing climatic conditions.