



## **WIKAI Kazakhstan opens new factory in Atyrau**

**On 1 November 2023, the WIKAI production site in Atyrau officially started operation. On this occasion, WIKAI invited business partners to attend a grand opening ceremony.**

### **Inauguration of the new building**

WIKAI built a new site in Atyrau, Kazakhstan, to be able to meet the growing demand in the Central Asian and Caucasian region. The project team designed, assembled, and commissioned the production lines within six months only, thus achieving one of the fastest project delivery times in the WIKAI history.

On 1 November 2023, Andreas Keiger, EVP Sales EMEA, performed the official ceremony together with Enver Shulgin, SVP CIS region. In addition to the staff, around one hundred customers, business partners and representatives of authorities took part in the inauguration and ribbon cutting. Afterwards the guests had the opportunity to visit the new building. In the afternoon, the group moved to the Oil & Gas university in Atyrau, where welcome speeches by officials and business partners were given. WIKAI's top management presented the company's global and regional strategy including its product and service offering. The evening closed with a get-together and dinner.

### **Long-term goals and local partnerships**

"This new venture in Atyrau is more than just an expansion of our global footprint. Our primary objective for this establishment is to meet the growing demand in Central Asian nations such as Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Mongolia, and Azerbaijan. The factory's location will also enhance our export capabilities, further reinforcing our commitment to collaborating with local suppliers and manufacturers. This, in turn, will boost local production and substantially reduce logistics costs. Our facility will set the standard for local production of measuring instruments," says Andreas Keiger.

### **Education and sustainable development**

"Additionally, we will partner with the Oil & Gas university in Atyrau to combine theoretical knowledge with practical education. Students will learn about real production processes and best practices in metrology. They will experience the working environment in an international company with promising career perspectives and



personal growth opportunities. WIKA's company policy is focused on sustainable development and a local footprint," states Enver Shulgin.

The Atyrau site will produce and deliver pressure gauges, diaphragm seals and electronic temperature measuring instruments. All products will be tested and verified in a high-end calibration laboratory to meet highest customer requirements. The main segments served will be the oil & gas, energy, chemical, petrochemical and mining industries of the region. With the launch of production today, WIKA is taking a first step in Atyrau but already has plans to develop and increase production over the next years in Kazakhstan.

**Pictures:**

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**Description:** Opening ceremony with ribbon cutting by Erzhan Kolbayev, Regional Representative of Kazakh Invest, Andreas Keiger, Executive Vice President Sales EMEA WIKA and Umarov Erbolat, Deputy Akim of Atyrau region (left to right)

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**Description:** Ceremony with over 100 guests visiting the new WIKA factory

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**Description:** WIKA experts explaining production line in new factory during guided tour to visitors

**About WIKAI**

With 11,200 employees, the WIKAI Group is a global market leader in pressure and temperature measurement and sets the standard in the measurement of level, force and flow, and in calibration technology. The broad portfolio of high-precision products, solutions and services makes the family-run business a strong and reliable partner. WIKAI's unique experience and know-how make sensing technology smarter, add more value and prepare it for a sustainable future: This is "Smart in sensing".

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