

Press Release

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DIXI Grand Opening

Mori Seiki Co., Ltd. held the Grand Opening ceremony for DIXI Machines in Le Locle at 2:00 p.m. on October 23 (local time) with about 150 guests, including Mr. Abe, the Japanese Ambassador to Switzerland, Mr. De la Reusille, the Mayor of Le Locle, and Mr. Soguel, the Economy Minister for Neuchatel.

DIXI Machines was established in 1904, and produces machining centers with the world's highest level of precision which are used by customers in many industries, such as aircraft, automobile and industrial machinery. It joined the Mori Seiki Group from January 1, 2007 and has become the Group's first overseas production base.

We have renovated our 14,900 m² plant, upgraded our production equipment, and more than doubled the size of our machine assembly area, from previous 1,800 m² to 3,742 m².

In the 1,583 m² machining area, we have installed Toshiba Machine's large 5-face machines for machining large cast iron parts such as beds, columns and saddles, DIXI's DHP80 + an 11-station CPP system for machining medium-sized parts such as spindle head housings and pallets, and Taiyo Koki's grinding machines (2 units) for machining spindle parts. We are also planning to install a Mori Seiki NT6600 DCG for turning in April next year.

Also, by completely renovating the office area (1,040 m²) and the locker room (265 m²), and building a parking lot (for up to 103 cars) and a cafeteria (256 m²), we have improved the working environment and welfare facilities. We have also built a new showroom (592 m²) and a training center (237m²).

The investment amount was approximately 2.5 billion yen.

We will increase the production of DIXI brand machines from 5 units per month to 10. Also, by utilizing the renovated assembly area (1,430 m²), we have started knock-down production of Mori Seiki's NMV5000 DCG. We will gradually increase the production volume, and plan to reach at least 10 units per month from next fiscal year. Next year we are also planning to double the size of the workforce from the current 100.

DIXI Machines will continue to expand, functioning as the nucleus for the European market and as an important production, sales and service base as part of the Mori Seiki Group's overseas strategy.



The cutting of the tape



View of the building



Dr. Mori's greeting