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SKF invests SEK 190 million in Gothenburg production channels

SKF invested SEK 190 million in modernising its spherical roller bearing production channels in Gothenburg. The investment is part of the Group's focus on the development of world class manufacturing processes.

More modern manufacturing processes, including intelligent grinding, which enables reduced set-up times and improved production efficiency, were combined with SKF's own condition monitoring and mobile connectivity solutions. With access to real-time and remote monitoring, operators are empowered to better predict and plan machine maintenance schedules, as well as develop long-term statistical evaluations of diagnostic data.

Luc Graux, Manufacturing Director, Industrial Market, says, "Combining new manufacturing processes with our condition monitoring and connectivity solutions really brings us into the modern era. It will also help make our production more flexible and efficient, as we roll-out the SKF Production System in Gothenburg."

Speaking about the Group's focus on sustainability, he says, "This investment supports our continued focus on energy efficiency. Since 2006, we have reduced our energy usage by 300 GWh (16%), despite significant increases in production output."

The investments are expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

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