

Press Release

„Federal government orders another 1,600 intensive care ventilators“

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Bad Ems – In addition to the first order for 6,500 ventilators in mid-March, the Federal Ministry of Health has placed a second order with the medium-sized manufacturer Löwenstein Medical in Bad Ems, Rhineland-Palatinate, for another 1,600 intensive care ventilators to be delivered by the end of the year.

The federal government intends to equip every intensive care bed with its own ventilator in preparation for a potential second wave. The long-term supply of ventilators will be ensured with the delivery time for this second order stretching from July to December 2020.

Every week for the past several weeks Löwenstein Medical has delivered several hundred devices of varied classes to the government's central warehouse, from where they are sent as needed to hospitals around the country. The distribution of the additional 1,600 intensive care ventilators also will be managed centrally by the Ministry of Health.

On 24 April the Bavarian Ministry of Health awarded a contract to Löwenstein Medical for 350 intensive care ventilators. With these orders, Löwenstein Medical will make a significant contribution to providing German hospitals with enough ventilators in the short and long term.

To be able to meet delivery deadlines, Löwenstein Medical has doubled and even quadrupled capacity in its production facilities within a very short time. Employees across the country have come together at the production sites and the Research & Development departments have formed a task force to work on alternative solutions to prevent potential delivery bottlenecks. "We are pleased that the government decided to eliminate the years-old investment backlog in intensive care and to equip every intensive care bed with a modern ventilator where no device was available previously," said a management spokesperson about the current situation in the company.

More information: www.hul.de

About Löwenstein Medical

The medium-sized family-owned business from Rhineland-Palatinate is one of the world's leading providers of ventilators for in-patient and outpatient treatment. With nearly 2,000 employees, the company develops and produces ventilators of all categories in Germany and leads in the respiratory care of patients at home and in hospital.

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