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HAVER & BOECKER Latinoamericana

After two warm weeks of vacation in the German summer, we, Fabian Venjakob and Sebastian Lütke-Föllner, finally set off for Brazil. After a total of 14 hours travel time and a short layover in Madrid we landed in Sao Paulo. The Brazilian winter showed itself from its best side and welcomed us in the morning with pleasant 20°C.

On the first day of work we took the company bus to the company premises. At first glance, we noticed palm trees, a well-kept lawn including a football field and the main building decorated with wire mesh. However, a truck with a screening machine quickly revealed that modern machines are developed and built here.

At the reception Ariane from the human resources department welcomed us and told us a few things about HAVER & BOECKER Latinoamericana (HBL). Afterwards we were introduced to almost all of the 150 employees during a tour of the company. The colleagues in the different departments explained to us what they work on and what they are responsible for. The communication in English worked well. We were very happy about this, especially when we realized that English is not taught at school here.

Then we went to the individual departments. Fabian helped Felipe rebuild a palletizer and Sebastian supported Jansen and Paulo in the Mining Engineering department with vibration analyses and data evaluation.

In our third week we got travel fever. Apart from HBL, there are two other HAVER & BOECKER subsidiaries in Brazil - and we had the opportunity to visit them. The flight to Belo Horizonte, a very historic place for us Germans, as we were told several times later, lasted one hour.

Arriving at the company premises we started straight away with a tour of the two subsidiaries. HAVER & BOECKER Telas (HBT) is the youngest company at HAVER & BOECKER besides Aventus. HBT deals with the distribution and production of all kinds of screening media. The site itself mainly produces screen linings made of polyurethane and rubber. After visiting the production facilities and listening to a presentation on screening media, we moved on to HAVER & BOECKER Servicos (HBS).

Here, screening machines that have been in operation for many years are reconditioned and converted. But not only HAVER machines are reconditioned here, if necessary our experts can also convert machines from other manufacturers.

The next day was the personal highlight of our internship in Brazil. Together with Ramon, a service technician from HBS, we drove to an iron ore mine complete with processing plants of the Brazilian mining group Vale. Here we were able to take a closer look at the entire operation. From maintenance to the processing plant, everything was shown and explained to us. What a great opportunity to experience our machines in operation. On the way back, we made a stopover at the "Mineirão" stadium, where Germany beat Brazil 7:1 in the semi-finals of the 2014 World Cup. So a very historic place, as Ramon explained to us again and again with a laughing and a crying eye.

The last week we spent again at HBL in Monte Mor near Campinas. This week also passed way too fast and so we had to say goodbye on Friday and set off back to Germany.

Finally, we would like to thank all involved employees of HAVER & BOECKER Latinoamericana, HAVER & BOECKER Telas and HAVER & BOECKER Servicos for the interesting and instructive four weeks. Our special thanks goes to the management and those who made the internship abroad possible.

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