

## **HITACHI-ABB: IG Metall members call for a moratorium**

At a public general meeting at HITACHI-ABB in Hanau-Großauheim, the more than 300 IG Metall members discussed the further course of action in the dispute over the preservation of the site and jobs and adopted a declaration in which they call on you to agree a moratorium with IG Metall before the conflict escalates further and to negotiate on the future of the site.

The unanimously agreed declaration in its wording:

The capital decision by HITACHI-ABB to close our site in Hanau-Großauheim is economically wrong and, moreover, affects an economically healthy and profitable traditional company. With this decision, the employees and their families will be sent into unemployment and this in deliberate breach of the employment protection agreement, which is valid until mid 2023.

In addition, the workforce and their employee representatives have been given a binding commitment to negotiate a long-term future concept for the Hanau-Großauheim site. The decision to close the site deprives the workforce of the agreed necessary time and the perspective to develop a future for the site together with the company.

The decision to relocate the products manufactured in Hanau-Großauheim to Bulgaria and Switzerland is also a blow against the climate and energy turnaround in Germany. Not least for this reason, we are looking forward to the broad cross-party support from the political arena, who do not want to stand idly by and watch the Group's activities.

We call on our colleagues in other companies and in our trade union IG Metall to accompany and support us in solidarity with all trade union means. We have decided to go on the offensive in solidarity and to defend ourselves against the closure of the site with all means at our disposal.

**We therefore call on HITACHI-ABB to make the ultimate decision by 30 October 2020: „Agree a moratorium with IG Metall in which the decision to close the site is lifted. We expect that then, as agreed, a sustainable future concept for the Hanau-Großauheim site with its current structure and staffing levels will be developed together with employee representatives and support from politicians. We want a future for the Hanau-Großauheim site and are ready for constructive solutions to the conflict. Please accept our outstretched hand for a peaceful settlement of the conflict before the dispute escalates with further trade union means.“**