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Boom. 500 years of industrial heritage in Saxony **4th Saxon State Exhibition • 11 July to 1 November 2020**

Dresden, May 2, 2020 – Mining, textiles, machines, railways, cars and microchips – Saxony has always been a region characterised by its industry. However, the industrial development in this part of Germany was by no means consistent, with economic boom phases followed by downturns. Saxony was time and again able to successfully overcome crises thanks to its hard-working population and people's ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit. In 2020, the 4th Saxon State Exhibition will for the first time present this eventful and exciting industrial history in a never before seen form and size.

The **big central exhibition “Boom. 500 years of industrial history in Saxony”** hosted in **the Audi-Bau Zwickau** showcases how the industrialisation has changed people's professional and everyday life. At the same time, it looks to the future of this region located in the heart of Europe. Curated by *Deutsches Hygiene Museum Dresden* as one of Germany's foremost museums for science, culture and society, the exhibition presents a wide cultural-historical panorama of Saxony's industrial history in six central chapters and takes visitors on a thrilling time travel through five centuries of Saxon regional history. The Audi-Bau Zwickau is an important element of this history, too: It is part of the former *Automobilwerke Zwickau* car manufacturer where first, world-famous models of AUTO UNION AG, such as Audi, DKW, Horch or Wanderer, and later, during GDR times, the legendary Trabi were produced in their millions. For the exhibition, the former industrial site has now been turned into a temporary museum.

Parallel to the central exhibition in Zwickau, there are an additional six **special exhibitions at historic venues** related to Saxony's industrial history:

“CarBoom.” – August Horch Museum Zwickau

The August Horch Museum highlights the history of mobility that was made possible by the car and looks at the future, with a focus on car manufacturing in Saxony.

“MaschineryBoom.” – Chemnitz Museum of Industry

What is a machine and what role do machines play in our lives? These and other questions are explored in the Chemnitz Museum of Industry.

“RailwayBoom.” – Venue Railway Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf

In the fascinating atmosphere of a historic depot, surrounded by steam, diesel and electric locomotives, visitors can explore how human and machines are connected.

“CoalBoom.” – Mining Museum Oelsnitz/Erzgebirge

The pithead frame in Oelsnitz provides the authentic backdrop for this exhibition, showcasing how coal became the engine for progress.

“TextileBoom.” – Textile Factory Bros. Pfau Crimmitschau

In this unique historic site featuring 100-year-old, fully functional machinery, visitors can trace the textile manufacturing process from raw wool to the finished product.

“SilverBoom.” – Research and Teaching Mine | Silver Mine Freiberg

150 metres below the surface, the so-called “Rich Pit” provides visitors with the opportunity to experience old mining traditions, ingenuity and cutting-edge research.

