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Review: Wikov Gear Technology Conference

The inaugural Wikov Gear Technology Conference took place at the Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski in Cairo, Egypt, on 30 October 2019. The event, organised by Wikov Gear in association with its Egyptian representative ELRaise Trading & Engineering Company (ETEC), hosted around 70 cement sector delegates from Egypt and neighbouring countries...

Right: Tomas Zrostlik, General Manager of Wikov Gear presents the history of the Wikov brand. Wikov's inaugural Wikov Gear Technology Conference began with a presentation on the history of the brand, which is rooted in the Škoda group from Pilsen, Czech Republic. It explained the historical presence of Czech gearboxes in the local, and subsequently international, markets. A second presentation provided a summary on the diverse types of cement sector gearbox available on the market in the present day, bringing in user experiences from around the world.

The third presentation introduced the assembled delegates to the OrbifleX® planetary gearboxes with flexible pins, a technology developed by Wikov in collaboration with UK inventors. This kind of gearbox can be used reliably in sectors where shocks are likely, such as roller presses, cement raw mills and others. The presentation also introduced Wikov's online condition monitoring system WiGuard for diagnostics and preventative maintenance.

Each presentation was well attended and was followed by detailed question and answer sessions, as well as interactive quiz sessions with small prizes. After a sumptuous lunch, Wikov demonstrated its new online gearbox configurator platform. It allows



potential users to select a planetary gearbox setup, generate technical PDFs and 3D models and send requests for information to Wikov, all online.

Delegates were pleased with the technical information provided by Wikov and the very friendly atmosphere at the event.



Right: Delegates were brimming with questions for the presenters.



Right: Delegates pose for a group photo after the event.