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Donations instead of gifts for rainforest project

vhf supporting water and climate protection in Guatemala

12/14/2017, Ammerbuch/Hauppauge: With this year's annual Christmas donation, vhf camfacture AG, a manufacturer of milling machines and tools, is helping OroVerde plant 5,000 trees in Guatemala as part of a reforestation program. The donation is funded by money that otherwise would have been spent on gifts to business partners.

The tropical rainforests are among the most biodiverse habitats on earth – more than two-thirds of all animal and plant species worldwide are found here. vhf is supporting OroVerde reforestation programs in three protected areas. Here, cleared areas are being reforested with indigenous trees, so that the rainforest can recover in its role as an important water reservoir, climate regulator and home for people and animals.

With the forest-friendly cultivation of coffee, cocoa and fruit trees in so-called agroforestry systems, sustainable and forest-friendly sources of income are being developed together with the local population. The seedlings are grown in local tree nurseries in Guatemala and planted in species-rich mixed cultures with native rainforest trees. This creates a “forest garden” on the edge of the old rainforest, which protects it while simultaneously providing a new habitat for numerous animals and plants.

The Management Board and employees at vhf camfacture AG are happy to make a meaningful contribution with their donation and are sure that the business partners are similarly pleased to be part of this charitable contribution.

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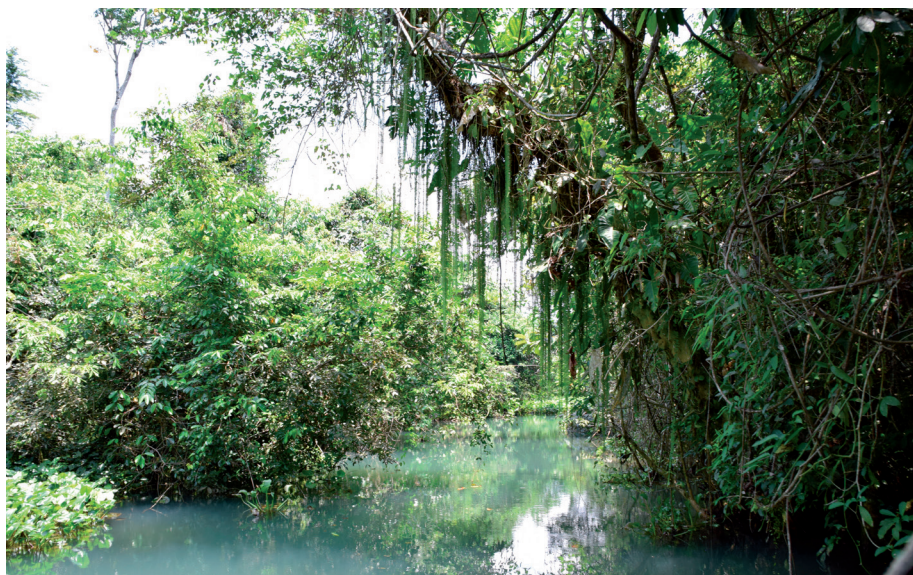
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Rio Chiquito tree nursery in Guatemala, image © OroVerde



*Forest landscape along the Bocas del Polochic river in Guatemala, image
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About vhf camfacture AG

Founded in 1988, vhf camfacture AG is a leading manufacturer of CNC milling machines, milling tools and CAM software for the dental sector, industry and sign making. Headquartered in Ammerbuch, 30 kilometers southwest of Stuttgart, vhf employs more than 200 people and is constantly expanding.

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About vhf OroVerde

The organization OroVerde (= green gold) was founded in 1989 by renowned personalities from business and science. The charitable foundation focuses on making targeted and lasting contributions to protecting tropical forests. The aim is to preserve the forests' biodiversity and climate function. Measures are implemented by carefully selected, reliable partners on site.

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