Pfreundt uses SimulationX to develop and improve weighing algorithms of mobile scales for heavy machinery

Founded in 1979, Pfreundt has soared to become one of the leading manufacturers of mobile weighing systems. With now 80 employees developing and selling scales for wheel loaders, cranes, dumpers and other heavy machinery, Pfreundt is a pioneer in the industry.

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