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STIHL production logistics building takes shape

STIHL celebrated a milestone in the construction of the new production logistics building in Waiblingen-Neustadt with a topping-out ceremony on 19 March. The shell of the building and the roof have been finished on schedule. The €40-million-plus investment is yet another clear sign of the company's commitment to Waiblingen. Advisory and supervisory board chairman Dr. Nikolas Stihl said in his address: "This project expresses our confidence in the future of the STIHL Group." The executive board chairman, Dr. Bertram Kandziora, praised the trouble-free progress of the construction work: "The adherence to deadlines and costs, and the excellent quality of the construction are the result of fruitful cooperation between all those involved in the project."

The total investment for the new building amounts to more than €40 million. By transferring production logistics from the present location in Ludwigsburg to STIHL Plant 2 in Waiblingen-Neustadt, the company will achieve gains in efficiency, reduce transportation costs and greatly simplify logistics. Production will be further optimized by the multifunction warehouse and an automated high-bay warehouse. The new building has a total volume of about 185,000 cubic meters, almost 15,000 square meters of floor space and is right next to production and assembly. A total of 13,500 cubic meters of reinforced concrete and 2,000 metric tons of structural steel have been used in the building.

The symbolic groundbreaking ceremony for the new production logistics building and the extension to the engineering center took place on 20 May 2014. Both buildings are to be inaugurated in 2016.

Company Portrait

The STIHL Group develops, manufactures and distributes power tools for professional forestry and agriculture as well as for garden and landscape maintenance, the construction sector and the demanding private user. The range of garden power tools from VIKING complements the product line. Products are distributed exclusively through authorized dealers, including 35 marketing subsidiaries, about 120 importers and more than 40,000 dealers in over 160 countries. STIHL has been the world's top-selling chain saw

brand since 1971. The company was founded in 1926 and is based in Waiblingen near Stuttgart. In 2013, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 2.81 billion euros with a workforce of 13,844.

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