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STIHL Magnesium Die-Casting opens new production logistics facility

STIHL Magnesium Die-Casting is expanding its plant in Weinsheim, Germany, and has opened a new production logistics facility, marking the successful completion of construction 13 months after the official ground-breaking ceremony. A total of 18 million euros was invested in the new building. Dr Nikolas Stihl, Chairman of the STIHL Advisory Board and STIHL Supervisory Board, says: "The significant increase in capacities provided by the new logistics centre will make a considerable contribution to the continued success of our magnesium die-casting plant in the Eifel region. This is the largest single investment in the Weinsheim location, which further confirms our commitment to our headquarters in Germany." Hartmut Fischer, general manager of STIHL Magnesium Die-Casting, adds: "By building a new production logistics facility, we are making room for further growth and securing the future of our location. With this new production logistics facility, we are adding storage space that is urgently needed following our strong growth over the past few years and optimising internal logistics processes." Construction was officially completed in mid-May, on time and within budget. "This is an incredible achievement. My thanks go to all companies involved, and of course to our team on site and our colleagues at STIHL headquarters in Waiblingen," Hartmut Fischer says with pride.

Energy-efficient production logistics facility with 6,300 square metres of floor space

The new production logistics facility has a floor space of 6,300 square metres and provides over 11,100 storage positions. The logistics centre is located close to the production line and uses the waste heat from manufacturing, making it particularly energy efficient and allowing it to function without its own source of heating. Furthermore, a space of approximately 4,500 square metres that was previously used for logistics purposes has been freed up. Hartmut Fischer explains: "The newly gained manufacturing space allows us to increase production volume at STIHL Magnesium Die-Casting and set up new technologies in fields such as aluminium gravity casting, thereby further increasing the depth of production. This will create not only more jobs in the future, but also more possibilities for further growth."

STIHL gives the Eifel region a boost and creates new jobs

The new facility creates ten new jobs at STIHL Magnesium Die-Casting. Dr Joachim Streit, the chief executive and representative (Landrat) of Eifelkreis Bitburg-Prüm, congratulates STIHL on the completion and commissioning of its new production logistics centre: “STIHL is one of the largest employers in the region and can proudly look back on almost 50 years of success in our district. The investments made in the production logistics facility contribute to creating more jobs. I would like to thank the management and employees alike for this positive company expansion and the commitment they have made to our region.” Aloysius Söhngen, the mayor (Bürgermeister) of Verbandsgemeinde Prüm, is thrilled: “The region is grateful that STIHL, our ‘core business’, has invested in the region in this difficult time. The new production logistics facility is a boost to the location of Weinsheim. It is a positive sign for our future in these challenging times for our economy.”

One of the largest and most modern magnesium die-casting plants in Europe

STIHL Magnesium Die-Casting was founded in 1971. Today, it is one of the largest and most modern magnesium die-casting plants in Europe. With its high-quality products, the plant is an important part of the global STIHL manufacturing network. Its roughly 750 employees in Weinsheim produce high-quality magnesium components for chainsaws and power tools, as well as for the automotive, motorcycle, bicycle, electronics and medical technology industries. Roughly 25 per cent of its revenue comes from die-casting projects for external customers.

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 private garden owners. The product range is complemented by digital solutions and services. Products are distributed exclusively through authorized dealers, including 41 sales and marketing subsidiaries, about 120 importers and more than 53,000 servicing dealers in over 160 countries. STIHL produces in own plants in seven countries: Germany, USA, Brazil, Switzerland, Austria, China and in the Philippines. Since 1971 STIHL has been the world’s top-selling chain saw brand. The company was founded in 1926 and is based in Waiblingen near Stuttgart. In 2019, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 3.93 billion euros with a workforce of 16,722.

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