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**STIHL to Invest more than €20 million in Extending Engineering Center**

STIHL plans to enlarge its product research and development facility in Waiblingen-Neustadt, Plant 2, by about 8,500 sq.m. and thus create new capacity for further growth. The total investment for the new building will amount to more than €20 million. Construction work is scheduled to start at the beginning of 2013 and the new building is to be opened in spring 2014. It will offer space for about 180 workplaces.

The building will be erected in front of the existing engineering center (EWZ). It will provide space for offices, laboratories and engineering. Associated areas of activity will be integrated in order to utilize synergy effects. Current space problems will be solved and extra space created to boost research and development capacity. Furthermore, the cafeteria will be transferred to the new building and enlarged.

**Company Portrait**

The STIHL Group develops, manufactures and distributes power tools for forestry, landscape maintenance and the construction industry. The range of garden power tools from VIKING complements the product line. Products are distributed exclusively through authorized dealers, including 32 marketing subsidiaries, more than 120 importers and about 40,000 dealers in more than 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 2010, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 2.36 billion euros with a workforce of 11,310 employees.

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