

NEWS RELEASE*[Witt-NR-06-2014_New-building-Wolkersdorf]*October 8th, 2014**WITTMANN Austria expands again**

The WITTMANN Group is now set for further expansion of its production facilities in Austria. Following commissioning of the new assembly hall for large machines in April last year, WITTMANN BATTENFELD in Kottlingbrunn, Lower Austria, is now increasing its capacity for the production of large machines by a further hall to house a machining center for platens. And now construction work is about to begin on a new WITTMANN materials handling facility in Wolkersdorf, near Vienna.



Sketch of the new home of the WITTMANN material handling department.



The new home for WITTMANN materials handling will be located in the ecoplus business park in Wolkersdorf not far from Vienna.

A rising order book for WITTMANN in all product ranges has created a need for more production space.

The new materials handling facility is positioned not far from the Viennese headquarter of the WITTMANN Group. The vacated ground floor in Vienna will now be used by the robots department. Construction work at the new site begins this month with completion envisaged for September 2015.

WITTMANN's new materials handling center will be located in the *ecoplus business park Wolkersdorf* in Lower Austria, a short distance from the Viennese WITTMANN Group office. The building footprint is a total of 23,500 m², thus allowing for further growth in the future. The location's transport connection is excellent – for the close network of Central European interstate links as well as for public transport. After completion, the Wolkersdorf facility will initially provide 5.200 m² of new production floor space together with 1,200 m² of office floor space. The concept of the building is based on the planning that was done for the new German WITTMANN Group facilities in Nuremberg and Meinerzhagen, created just a few years ago.

WITTMANN worldwide is one of the leading manufacturers of robots and peripheral equipment for the plastics industry. The WITTMANN group with Headquarters in Vienna/Austria is a worldwide operating company with 7 production facilities and 28 branch offices in all major plastics markets in the world. WITTMANN's product range includes robots and automation systems, automatic material handling with dryers and plastic recycling, temperature controllers and chillers for machine tools and volumetric and gravimetric blenders.

With this comprehensive range of peripheral equipment, WITTMANN can provide processors of plastics with total solutions which cover all their requirements, ranging from autonomous work cells with single zone temperature controllers, screenless granulators, sprue pickers, integrated vacuum loading systems and integrated cross-linked control systems with integrated material loading and dryers to automated robotic systems for flexible finishing of semi-finished injection molded parts.

On April 1st, 2008 WITTMANN took over the BATTENFELD Kunststoffmaschinen GmbH at Kottlingbrunn (Lower Austria). There will continue to be independent growth in the market for auxiliary equipment on one hand and for injection molding machines by BATTENFELD on the other. However, the syndication will lead to connectivity between both product lines, providing the advantage plastics processors have been looking for in terms of a seamless combination of processing machines, automation and auxiliary equipment – all occurring at a progressive rate.

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