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**New STIHL central warehouse in Völklingen**

The STIHL Group is setting the course for further growth, especially in the developing field of batteries, through the operation of a new central warehouse in Völklingen, Germany. Planning, construction and commissioning of the building, which recently celebrated its topping out ceremony, is being carried out in cooperation with STIHL Tirol. In the future, all products manufactured at the site in Langkampfen will be stored and distributed at the new warehouse. STIHL Tirol is heavily involved in the project and is responsible for the operational management of the central warehouse. As a centre of excellence for ground-based gardening tools, STIHL Tirol has specialised in the production of battery-powered tools for several years. The new central warehouse will supply all STIHL sales subsidiaries worldwide, as well as STIHL specialist dealers.

The new logistics and distribution site replaces the previous warehouse in Strasbourg, France, which reached its capacity limits due to growing product demand. "This important strategic step will enable us to meet the consistently high demand for STIHL products and serve our customers even better and faster," explains Clemens Schaller, the managing director of STIHL Tirol. While the building is under construction, central warehouse handling processes and structures are also being set up and optimised – a number of STIHL Tirol employees are involved in this effort. Completion of the new building is planned for mid-2022. The central warehouse will go into full operation on 1st January 2023.

**Strategic location and highly modern facilities**

The central warehouse represents the largest warehouse in the STIHL Group covering 58,000 square metres – equivalent to about eight football pitches. The new location in the border triangle of Germany, France and Luxembourg has several advantages: Firstly, the central warehouse is directly connected to the motorway, allowing for an efficient and flexible supply chain. Secondly, the 120,000 square metre site offers space for the warehouse to expand, ensuring STIHL is prepared for future growth.

"The new central warehouse significantly increases our capacities, enabling customer-oriented market supply. It also forms the basis for competitive logistics by optimising processes from order placement to delivery fulfilment", emphasises Christoph Krismer, project manager for the central warehouse at STIHL Tirol. The new building impresses with its flexible and state-of-the-art warehousing and picking technology, such as self-propelled picking devices and smartwatches that replace classic hand scanners by displaying stock levels and instructions. This enables ergonomic and flexible workflows.

**Hellmann Worldwide Logistics partner for STIHL central warehouse**

The new central warehouse will be operated by Hellmann Worldwide Logistics. Clemens Schaller is pleased with the cooperation: "The company Hellmann is a strong partner that will provide strategic support through innovative concepts in the areas of warehouse management and finished goods logistics, as well as competent contacts for distribution logistics. Hellman's many years of expertise will also support us as we grow in the rechargeable battery business."

Information about STIHL Tirol:

STIHL Tirol GmbH is a wholly owned subsidiary of the STIHL Group and is based in Langkampfen, Austria. Cordless products are produced at this site and STIHL Tirol is also a centre of excellence for ground-based gardening tools, which are produced an developed in Langkampfen. In 2021, the company employed 770 people.

STIHL company profile:

The STIHL Group develops, manufactures and distributes motorised equipment for forestry, agriculture, landscape management, the building industry and private garden owners. The product range is supplemented with digital solutions and services. Products are generally distributed through specialist dealers and STIHL's own online shops, which will be expanded internationally over the next few years. This includes 42 sales and marketing STIHL subsidiaries, around 120 importers and more than 55,000 specialist dealers in over 160 countries. STIHL manufactures products in seven countries worldwide: Germany, USA, Brazil, Switzerland, Austria, China and the Philippines. STIHL has been the best-selling chainsaw brand worldwide since 1971. The company was founded in 1926 and the corporate headquarters are in Waiblingen near Stuttgart, Germany. In 2021, STIHL had 20,094 employees worldwide and a turnover of 5.06 billion euros.

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Caption: STIHL Tirol is entrusted with the operational management of the new STIHL central warehouse in Völklingen.

Image "Topping Out\_STIHL\_Central Warehouse.jpg"

A topping out ceremony was recently held with partner companies and representatives of the German town of Völklingen to celebrate the successful construction progress of the new STIHL central warehouse.

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