



Success story in Saxony: Holzindustrie Schweighofer creates new jobs

Just six months after acquiring the factory, Holzindustrie Schweighofer is introducing extra shifts at its lumber mill in Kodersdorf, generating approximately 60 new jobs. The factory in Saxony is characterised by its ability to provide a reliable supply of raw materials, which allows it to make a significant contribution as a supplier to Holzindustrie Schweighofer's other processing facilities.

Vienna, Austria; Kodersdorf, Germany – 14 March 2016: Following its acquisition of the lumber mill in Kodersdorf, Holzindustrie Schweighofer has successfully optimised the use of its existing capacities. On March 14, 2016, the lumber mill will expand operations from two shifts to three, and the planing factory will add a fourth shift. In the process, Holzindustrie Schweighofer will increase the size of the workforce at the factory in Saxony, which specialises in processing coniferous wood, by about 20 per cent (or around 60 jobs).

"The mill in Kodersdorf has a skilled workforce and is advantageously located at the tri-border region of Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic. This location means that it is also in an excellent position to supply Western European lumber markets. And thanks to a reliable supply of raw materials and an excellent supplier base, the factory is now also making a significant contribution as a supplier to our manufacturing operations in Romania," says Georg Erlacher of Holzindustrie Schweighofer, explaining the positive developments in the company.

High-value wood products

Currently, Holzindustrie Schweighofer ships approximately 5,000 to 6,000 m³ of wood from Kodersdorf to Romania. The Romanian processing facilities produce a variety of high-value products, including structural laminated timber (Edge-Glued), which is primarily exported to Japan for use in home construction. As a flexible and highly robust material, blockboards are often used in furniture construction. Formwork panels are used in concrete construction, and Tongue and groove boards can be found in home improvement stores.

Facts & figures about the lumber mill in Kodersdorf

This state-of-the-art lumber mill now has around 310 employees and an annual production capacity of 1.2 million m³ of raw timber. Its energy-efficient drying systems are supplied with heat from its own biomass plant. It has an annual planing capacity of around 360,000 m³.

Acquisition	2015
Began operation	2004
Size of facility	33.5 ha
Production capacity	1.2 million cubic meters of raw
Planed goods	360,000 m ³
Drying capacity	560,000 m ³
Biomass heating plant	20 MW

Schweighofer Group production sites



About the Schweighofer Group

The Schweighofer Group has its roots in a traditional, family-run Austrian business with more than 400 years of experience in timber processing. Today, the group and its approximately 3,500 employees are involved mainly in the timber industry, but also in pulp production, forestry, bioenergy, and real estate.

Holzindustrie Schweighofer established the first saw mill in Romania in 2003, and now has a leading role in the European timber-processing industry, currently employing around 3,000 employees in plants in Romania: three saw mills, an edge glued panel factory and a blockboard factory. In October 2015, the Group added a lumber mill in Germany (Kodersdorf) to its holdings. The Schweighofer Fibre plant in Hallein produces viscose pulp. Holzindustrie Schweighofer exports products to some 70 countries worldwide.

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