

Press release

The Schweighofer Group is buying a sawmill in Saxony from Klausner Group

The location in Eastern Germany will enable Schweighofer to expand its business in the timber industry.

The Austrian Schweighofer Group is taking over the Kodersdorf sawmill in Saxony, Germany from Klausner Group. As a result, Schweighofer will expand its capacity in wood industry towards the border triangle between Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. The main motivating reasons for buying the mill in Kodersdorf were – besides the logistically optimal location – the modern equipment and opportunities for expansion that the site offers. The contract of sale was signed recently and it is subject to the responsible statutory authorities giving consent. It is expected that the deal will be closed by the end of September.

Vienna, Austria; Kodersdorf, Germany; 07th August 2015. The Klausner Group is selling its sawmill in Kodersdorf, Saxony to the Austrian Schweighofer Group. The contract of sale regarding this purchase was recently signed by both companies in Munich.

Gerald Schweighofer commented on the purchase as follows: “This step is very significant for the Schweighofer Group. Our first location in Germany will enable us to open up an important market and to expand further from there.”

A central position in the border triangle of eastern Europe

The Klausner Holz sawmill in Saxony is equipped in a modern way and was built ten years ago on a large site, which offers enough space for expansion. The supply of raw materials is very good in the region. The costs of transport can be kept very low due to the central position and the transport connections. Apart from that, the mill has an excellent base of customers and suppliers.

The sawmill has specialized in processing coniferous timber and has a cutting capacity of 1.2 Mio cbm of timber per year. The energy-efficient kiln drying are supplied with heat from its own heating plant. The planing capacity is about 400,000 m³ annually.

About 250 employees are currently working in this mill. It is intended to expand the business during the medium term and one can therefore expect that there will be additional jobs created as well. Friedrich Klausner commented as follows. “The Schweighofer group is also a successful family-owned company and has a long tradition in wood industry. Therefore we found the optimum buyer for our mill in Kodersdorf.”

The contract of sale is subject to the responsible statutory authorities giving consent. It has been agreed to observe confidentiality about the purchase price. The deal is expected to be closed by the end of September.

Facts & Figures sawmill Kodersdorf

Plant size	34 ha
Log origin	Germany, Poland, Czech Republic
Species	spruce, pine
Cutting	1.2 Mio m ³ *
Planing	0.4 Mio m ³ *
Kiln drying	0.7 Mio m ³ *
Heating plant	2 x 10 MW* caloric

**Production capacities*

About Holzindustrie Schweighofer

Holzindustrie Schweighofer is part of the Schweighofer Group and it is rooted in an Austrian family-owned operation with more than 400 years of tradition in wood processing. The group is active in the areas of wood industry, viscose pulp production, bio-energy production, forestry and real estate nowadays. Holzindustrie Schweighofer started operating the first sawmill in Romania in 2003 and has become a leading company in the European wood processing industry meanwhile - employing about 3,100 employees at six locations in Austria and Romania.

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