



PRESS REPORT

Hasslacher Group of Companies invests 38 million euros in Sachsenburg location

On Friday, 28 September, the Noritec laminated timber plant and the 2nd biomass power plant of the Hasslacher Group of Companies were opened in Sachsenburg – the maximisation of complete and sustained utilisation of the raw material of wood has thus become a reality.

After a planning and construction period of one year and an investment volume of 23 million euros, the construction of the Noritec Holzindustrie GmbH laminated timber plant is one of the major projects in the Austrian wood industry. "We are proud that we were able to recommence production so quickly after our Stall/Mölltal location burnt down in December 2005", rejoices Christoph Kulterer, Managing Director and owner of the Hasslacher Group of Companies. "We have adapted the new plant to the dimensions of our sawmill: only trimmed timber from our own saws will be further processed here. That will allow us to guarantee the quality of our products at all times". Gluelam products, with a standard length of up to 27 meters, are manufactured fully automatically and according to state-of-the-art technology on an overall surface area of 18,000 m².

Another 15 million euros were invested in the 2nd Hasslacher biomass power plant. Like the first power plant, the second power plant is a CHP (combined heat and power) plant, in which not only the generated electricity but also the generated heat is used. This heat supplies the in-house drying chambers in the trimmed timber production and is distributed as district heating to roughly 200 households in Sachsenburg and Möllbrücke. Hasslacher produces its own biomass for the power plants: burned are by-products such as bark, which accumulates in the in-house trimmed timber production in the sawmill, and wood chips, a previously unused potential from the forestry sector. "Working in line with nature is important to us. We generate more electricity and heat than needed in our in-house production. This cycle allows us to maximise the complete and sustained utilisation of the raw material of wood", explains Christoph Kulterer.

With a total turnover of roughly 100 million euros, the Hasslacher Group of Companies is one of the leading wood industry operations in Austria. Presently, 300 employees are employed at the Carinthian locations of Sachsenburg and Arnoldstein. In addition to the sawmill and laminated timber plant, both power plants and a specialist wood retailer belong to the Group of Companies. NTI Norica Timber International distributes the Hasslacher wood products globally.

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