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### **Würth Industrie Service expands its state-of-the-art logistics centre for industrial supplies in Europe – ground-breaking ceremony for the new high-bay warehouse at the headquarters.**

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*Bad Mergentheim/Main-Tauber-Kreis.* The expansion of the state-of-the-art logistics centre for industrial supplies in Europe has laid the foundation for the further growth of Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG, both at national and international level. The excavations for building a new automated high-bay warehouse with additional 59,000 storage spaces covering more than 4,000 square metres started at the end of July 2022. The official ground-breaking ceremony was held on Thursday, 4th August, 2022 marking the symbolic go-ahead for the construction. Around 30 invited guests, including Nina Warken, Member of the German Bundestag CDU/CSU, Christoph Schauder, District Administrator of Main-Tauber-Kreis, Manuela Zahn, 1st Deputy Mayor of Bad Mergentheim, Marcel Stephan, Head of Department for Economic Development & Urban Marketing of Bad Mergentheim, the planners and engineers involved and the Management of Würth Industrie Service, celebrated the milestone of the company. The commissioning is planned for April 2024.

“This investment is a sign of the company’s steady growth and, at the same time, a commitment to our roots and thus to the Main-Tauber region. As the industry’s leading C-Parts partner, we aim to strengthen the security of supply to our customers’ in the long-term - not only in Germany, but throughout Europe.” said Rainer Bürkert, Member of the Central Managing Board of the Würth Group.

### **A clear commitment beyond the region**

Würth Industrial Park at Bad Mergentheim is regarded as one of the most modern logistics centres for industrial supply throughout Europe. Around 20,000 customers are supplied from here – ensuring a secure supply of production resources as well as auxiliary and operating materials. Around 500 tons of goods leave the logistics centre every day. By focusing on supplying all European customers directly through centralised logistics, Würth Industrie Service pursues the strategy of the largest possible supplier consolidation – based on the commitment of quality throughout Europe. To meet this objective, Würth Industrie Service has so far invested more than 392 million euros in the

location and logistics centre. The new investment is not only a positive sign for Europe, but also a sign of clear commitment of Würth Industrie Service to Bad Mergentheim. In their speeches, Nina Warken and Christoph Schauder also stressed on the importance of the company for the region and the opportunities offered by the company's increased international orientation.

"The expansion of logistics significantly increases efficiency and capacity throughout the value-added process. Only in this way can we ensure supply to our customers in Europe in the long term and leverage the synergies. With the expansion of logistics, we are clearly investing in customer benefits and customer development, and thus in the future of Würth Industrie Service.", said Martin Jauss, General Manager at Würth Industrie Service.

### **Our linchpin - logistics: Expanding to high-bay warehouse**

The investment volume for the expansion of the logistics location in Bad Mergentheim amounts to more than 30 million euros. The fully automated high-bay warehouse is an impressive building with a height of 50 metres, width of 34 metres and length of 121 metres. The modular expansion stage comprises a total of six aisles with storage and retrieval machines for automatically loading and unloading the pallets. Thanks to the double-depth design of the outer aisles, it was possible to optimise the storage density in addition to the statics, while at the same time considerably reducing the area required. On a base area of more than 4,000 square meters, the high-bay warehouse will offer more than 59,000 additional storage spaces for pallets in the future. This increases the high-bay capacity at the Bad Mergentheim location by about 33 percent to a total of 235,000 pallet storage spaces. Thanks to the direct integration of the high-bay expansion into the existing plant, the company is expanding its related logistics capacity, thus continuing the consistent automation strategy. Through the use of innovative technologies such as camera inspection systems, autonomous bin shuttles and self-learning robots in picking and palletising, the C-Parts partner is continuously increasing its degree of automation and digitalisation within logistics. In addition to increased logistics productivity, the systems used have the task of reducing the physical burden on employees and improving workplace ergonomics. By implementing the goods-to-person picking, the items to be picked are made available dynamically and automatically at the workplace. The efficient 44 metre high storage and retrieval machines are particularly economical on space thanks to

their single column design, and can carry out up to 600 pallet movements per hour with their two load handling equipment. The energy requirements of storage and retrieval machines are optimised by means of energy recovery. "Innovation is the key to securing the future. Our challenge is to improve the location and logistics by continuously developing known technologies and integrating new approaches. We are thus increasing the competitiveness of Würth Industrie Service and expanding customer benefits by offering new services.", reports Helmut Eisenkolb, Head of Logistics at Würth Industrie Service.

### **Focus on sustainability**

With the construction measures being currently implemented and planned, Würth Industrie Service has taken significant steps to ensure a seamless supply to the customers in the future and unlocked potential with regard to sustainable business processes. One of the components of Würth Industrie Service's sustainability strategy is the continuous expansion of photovoltaic systems, which already contribute to energy self-sufficiency with an output of 900 KWP and an estimated output of 800,000 kWh. Discussions are underway with the specialist engineers to expand the photovoltaic system on the southern facade of the new high-bay warehouse. Being one step ahead and acting in a sustainable and forward-looking manner is what the company stands for.

## Photo material:

### Captions:



Photo: The ground-breaking ceremony for expanding the logistics centre.jpg

Caption: 8 spades have given a go-ahead for the expansion of the logistics centre at Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG: from left to right: Helmut Eisenkolb, Head of Logistics at Würth Industrie Service, Paul Krämer, Project Management of Adolf Würth GmbH & Co. KG, Heinz Brazel, General Manager at Kalis Innovation GmbH, Martin Jauss, General Manager of Würth Industrie Service, Manuela Zahn, 1st Deputy Mayor of Bad Mergentheim, Christoph Schauder, District Administrator of Main-Tauber-Kreis, Nina Warken, Member of the German Bundestag CDU/CSU, Rainer Bürkert, Member of the Central Managing Board of the Würth Group.

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### Brief profile of Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG

Within the Würth Group, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG is responsible for the supply of the industrial sector. Since its foundation in 1999, Würth Industrie Service is located at the Industriepark Würth in Bad Mergentheim, Germany with over 1.700 employees. As a complete C-Parts provider, the company offers its customers a specialised product range of over 1,100,000 items: from screws, connection and fastening technology, tools to chemical-technical products and occupational safety. In addition to the extensive standard range, the strength of the company lies in its customer-specific, logistical and dispositive supply and service concepts as well as in special parts. Under the service brand "CPS® - C-Product Service", the company offers modular solutions, which are customised as per customer-specific requirements. Thereby, the consumption-based and demand-based systems significantly rationalise the processes for purchase, logistics and quality assurance and enable the procurement of small parts in a cost-optimised manner. Logistic and dispositive services such as shelving systems with scanners or a just-in-time supply using Kanban bin systems contribute significantly to increasing the productivity.