

The Berner Group of Companies

Foundation laid for new logistics building in France

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The Berner Group of Companies, Künzelsau, has laid the foundation stone for a new logistics project at the site of the French sales company in St. Julien-du-Sault (Burgundy, France). During the official ceremony, the street there was also renamed "Rue Albert Berner".

With this investment, Berner France is preparing itself for growth in the coming decade. The logistics platform will be extended to 10,000 square meters by 2010. This is a real logistics revolution for the French group company, since it involves complete restructuring of their logistics chain from goods acceptance all the way to shipment of packages to the customer. The most visible phase will be the building of a new warehouse platform called 'Magmatic', a completely automated warehousing unit.

The project, planned to run for two years, meets high environmental standards and will result in not only an increase in stock turnover, but the optimization of the entire order preparation chain as well: The order processing capacity will grow from 10,000 to 20,000 packets per day.

The achievements of the company founder and the development of the French group company, which is important to the region, have been honored by renaming the street to "Rue Albert Berner".

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The logistics area of the German sales company was already extended and commissioned in 2007.

'Magmatic' in figures:

6,000 square meters of warehousing space

2,000 square meters of offices and goods acceptance areas

16,000 pallets stored

7 robots, able to handle 1000 pallets per day

3 elevators

Planned completion date for construction: December 2009

Pictures:

- 1) Albert Berner (right) with the mayor of St. Julien-du-Sault in front of the new street sign.

- 2) Albert Berner (second from right) lays the foundation stone for the new Berner France logistics building – accompanied by the French General Manager and official representatives of the region.