

Press release

Solar energy on the roofs of Gebrüder Weiss

13 photovoltaic power stations have been installed on the roofs of the Vienna branch generating around 2.4 million kilowatt hours of electricity every year.

Lauterach / Maria Lanzendorf, July 22, 2019. Gebrüder Weiss is committed to sustainable energy generation and has leased the roofs of its transshipment and logistics warehouses in Maria Lanzendorf near Vienna to a solar energy company. Since the beginning of the year, around 2.4 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year are being generated there using a surface area of 21,500 square meters. This is equivalent to the average annual consumption of around 1,300 three-person households in Austria.

"Sustainability is one of the core values at Gebrüder Weiss. This is why the decision to lease the flat roofs for this purpose was made not only on economic grounds, but also on environmental ones. Their size makes them ideal for photovoltaic systems," explains Karl Meiringer, Branch Manager in Maria Lanzendorf. The 13 photovoltaic power stations represent an energy source that converts part of the solar radiation into electrical energy by means of solar cells, thereby enabling the company to make a substantial contribution to environmental protection efforts.

Gebrüder Weiss also promotes solar energy at other locations. In addition to the photovoltaic power stations in Maria Lanzendorf, Austria alone has three additional installations in Kennelbach (Vorarlberg), Maria Saal (Carinthia) and Wels (Upper Austria), as well as two more in Memmingen in southern Germany. This means that over three million kilowatt hours of electricity are produced each year from solar energy alone throughout the Group.



CAPTION: Around 2.4 million kilowatt hours of electricity every year are generated over an area of approximately 21,500 square meters. (Source: Ursprunger / Media Solutions)



CAPTION: The roof surfaces of the Gebrüder Weiss logistics facility in Maria Lanzendorf / Vienna are ideally suited for photovoltaic power stations. (Source: Ursprunger / Media Solutions)

About Gebrüder Weiss

With more than 7,100 employees, 150 company-owned locations and an annual turnover of 1.67 billion euros (2018), Gebrüder Weiss ranks among Europe's leading transport and logistics companies. In addition to its core business of land transport, air & sea freight, and logistics, the company operates a number of highly specialized industry solutions and subsidiaries under the umbrella of Gebrüder Weiss Holding AG, based in Lauterach (Austria) – including the logistics consultancy firm x|vise, tectraxx (industry specialist for hi-tech businesses), dicall (communications solutions, market research, training), Rail Cargo (railway transports), and the Gebrüder Weiss parcel service GWP, co-shareholder of the Austrian company DPD. This bundling of services allows the corporate group to respond to customer needs quickly and flexibly. Today, having implemented a variety of environmental, economic and social initiatives, the family-run company with a 500-year history is also considered a pioneer in sustainable business practices.

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