

## Press release

### Even more solar power at Gebrüder Weiss

**At the Pöchlarn location, the fifth solar power plant of the logistics company in Austria was put into operation / Annual power generation: approx. 1,725 megawatt hours**

**Lauterach/Pöchlarn, May 5, 2020.** As of now, the international logistics company Gebrüder Weiss relies on sustainably generated electricity in Lower Austria as well. A new solar power plant at the Pöchlarn location produces a total of some 1,725 megawatt hours (MWh) per year on a total surface of 16,000 square meters. The major part of the photovoltaic modules on the roof area of the branch were rented out to investors in the energy sector.

The logistics company itself uses 462 solar panels to generate some 130,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) of solar power per year for its own needs on a surface of 786 square meters, which corresponds to the demand of approx. 26 four-person households and CO<sub>2</sub> savings of some ten tons per year. With this amount of electricity, Gebrüder Weiss Pöchlarn covers approx. 25 % of its daily power requirements. "Obviously, we want to make use of the new source of energy within the company in the best possible way. This is why we are going to charge our forklift trucks, for instance, by means of rechargeable batteries during the day in future, instead of during the night as previously," says Bernhard Schartmüller, Branch Manager of Gebrüder Weiss Pöchlarn.

### More than 5,000 megawatt hours of sustainable electricity

After a construction period of two and a half months, the fifth solar power plant installed at a Gebrüder Weiss location in Austria went on stream. Also in Kennelbach (Vorarlberg), Maria Saal (Carinthia) and Wels (Upper Austria), electricity is being produced from solar energy, while the roofs of the transshipment and logistics warehouses in Maria Lanzendorf near Vienna are rented out to a solar power company. Two more plants are located in Memmingen (Bavaria) in Southern Germany.

Across the Corporate Group, approx. 422,000 kWh of electricity are sustainably produced for the company's own use, the total output of the plants being approx. 5,200 MWh. Investing in photovoltaic technology is one of many measures taken by the logistics company to reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and make a contribution to environmental protection.



Sustainable use of the roof area at the Gebrüder Weiss location in Pöchlarn. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss)



Some 1,725 MWh of solar power a year are going to be produced on 16,000 m<sup>2</sup> in future. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss)



On the grid after a construction period of two and a half months: 5,922 panels were installed in total. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss)

## **About Gebrüder Weiss**

With over 7,300 employees, 150 company-owned locations and a provisional annual turnover of 1.7 billion euros (2019), Gebrüder Weiss is one of the leading transport and logistics companies in Europe. 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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