

## Press release

### **Gebrüder Weiss moves into new logistics center near Graz**

**Logistics company invests 28 million euros in modern terminal / Logistics and handling area expanded / Course set for further business expansion**

**Lauterach / Kalsdorf, March 23, 2021.** The international transport and logistics company Gebrüder Weiss has opened a new location in Kalsdorf near Graz / Austria. The state-of-the-art terminal with a total area of around 70,000 square meters replaces the previous logistics facility in the Styrian capital. The logistics company has invested around 28 million euros in the new building, which was completed in less than a year. “We had reached the capacity limits of the former location. The new facility will enable us to continue growing and provide an even higher level of service to our customers. Our 180 employees are looking forward to taking advantage of the possibilities offered by the new infrastructure,” says Gerhard Haas, Branch Manager Gebrüder Weiss Graz.

The location in Kalsdorf is situated in the immediate vicinity of the A9 and A2 motorways and comprises, among other things, a 16,500-square-meter logistics hall and a handling area covering 6,500 square meters. The number of loading docks has more than doubled to 92. Cutting edge video and freight measuring systems ensure that trucks are loaded safely and efficiently. Particular consideration was also given to environmental matters when planning the location, with work on building a photovoltaic installation due to begin in the second quarter of 2021. “This will enable us to produce 920 megawatt hours of electricity per year and save as much as 75 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>,” explains Haas.

#### **Rising volume of consignments**

The Graz location is a key handling point within the Gebrüder Weiss network for transports to South Eastern Europe. The volume of consignments transported by land in 2020 saw a year-on-year increase of three percent despite the coronavirus crisis. The strongest factor driving growth here was the home delivery business, which saw the number of consignments handled increased by 38 percent to 72,100. The logistics solutions segment also developed positively, being able to win key customers from the automotive, consumer goods and metal processing industries in recent years. “Our roots in the region run deep and our logistics services support the local economy in particular,” says Haas.

The branch manager also attaches particular importance to the topic of apprenticeship. There were 14 apprentices at the branch in 2020. “We will maintain this level this year as well,” says Gerhard Haas, underscoring the company’s important role in training the next generation. Currently, the company is looking for dispatchers for national and international transports in particular.



**Caption:** Gebrüder Weiss has opened a new location in Kalsdorf near Graz. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss / Wolfgang Croce)



**Caption:** The site comprises a 16,500-square-meter logistics hall and a handling area of 6,500 square meters. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss / Wolfgang Croce)



**Caption:** Gerhard Haas, Branch Manager Gebrüder Weiss Graz. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss / Wolfgang Croce)

## **About Gebrüder Weiss**

With more than 7,400 employees, 170 company-owned locations and a provisional annual turnover of 1.77 billion euros (2020), 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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