

Press release

Gebrüder Weiss now generates solar power in Switzerland

Photovoltaic system generates 40 percent of the electricity required at the Altenrhein facility / Additional solar installations cover as much as one-tenth of the electricity consumed by logistics terminals in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland

Altenrhein / Lauterach, December 7, 2022. Gebrüder Weiss is increasing regenerative sources to supply energy to its logistics terminals. In October this year, the international transport and logistics company commissioned its latest photovoltaic (PV) system at its Swiss location in Altenrhein. The system has an installed capacity of 270 kW peak, saving 20 tons of CO₂ annually. For comparison: this output could supply nearly 55 single-family homes with electricity.

“The roof of the logistics center is ideal for generating solar power. The new PV installation enables us to meet around 40 percent of the location’s electricity needs,” says Oskar Kramer, Country Manager Switzerland at Gebrüder Weiss. There are already plans to expand the system next year, as well as to build a PV installation at the Basel location.

The latest expansion brings Gebrüder Weiss one step closer to meeting its environmental target of achieving carbon neutrality for its logistics facilities by 2030. Where technically feasible, the logistics company is gradually switching how it generates electricity in its facilities to solar power. By now, solar power systems are a standard feature of new buildings. Twenty-one such PV installations are already in service at multiple locations in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, saving 1,100 tons of CO₂ annually. These existing installations currently cover ten percent of its total electricity requirements in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

Read the current Sustainability Report for further information on Gebrüder Weiss’ activities:

<https://sustainability.gw-world.com/sustainability-report-2021/>

Gebrüder Weiss photovoltaic system in Altenrhein:

- Surface area: 1,700 m²
- Solar panels: 693
- Maximum output: 270 kW peak
- Electricity yield/year: 250 megawatt-hours
- CO₂ emissions saved/year: 20 tons

Gebrüder Weiss Corporate Group photovoltaics:

- Total number of locations with PV systems: 21
- Total area of all PV systems: 46,500 m²
- Electricity yield of all PV systems/year: 8,800 megawatt-hours
- CO₂ emissions saved/year at all locations: 1,100 tons



Video: The new Gebrüder Weiss photovoltaic system at the Altenrhein location. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss / Liridon Pallata): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bP2uRS17vnU>



Caption: The new Gebrüder Weiss photovoltaic system at the Altenrhein location. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss / Liridon Pallata)



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Caption: Oskar Kramer, Country Manager Switzerland at Gebrüder Weiss. (Source: Gebrüder Weiss / Serra)

About Gebrüder Weiss

Gebrüder Weiss Holding AG, based in Lauterach, Austria, is a globally operative full-service logistics provider with about 8,000 employees at 180 company-owned locations. In the last fiscal year (2021), it posted annual sales of 2.5 billion euros. Its portfolio encompasses transport and logistics solutions, digital services, and supply chain management. The twin strengths of digital and physical competence enable Gebrüder Weiss to respond swiftly and flexibly to customers' needs. The family-run organization – with a history going back more than half a millennium – has implemented a wide variety of environmental, economic, and social initiatives. Today, it is also considered a pioneer in sustainable business practices. www.gw-world.com

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