

SENNEBOGEN is extending its plant II at Straubing

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SENNEBOGEN is extending its production and warehouse areas at its site at the port of Straubing by around 35,000 m². In addition, a new 6,700 m² production shop is being built for the assembly and painting of large components and for finishing work and quality control. With this investment into the Straubing site, the company is preparing itself for future projects, expanding its capacity for the production of large machines.

The family-owned SENNEBOGEN company had made an impressive showing of its ties to the region back in 2008 with the opening of its second plant at the port of Straubing. On the heels of the construction project and dedication of the SENNEBOGEN Academy and the Erich Sennebogen Museum in 2014, this new plant extension is yet another major investment.

Meanwhile, Plant II is primarily used for the manufacture and testing of large machines with up to 300 t operating weight that are also prepared at the plant for worldwide shipping. In order to accommodate the growing need for space and to increase capacity for future production requirements, the factory premises are being expanded in two construction phases starting in mid-2015. The detailed planning of the construction work was preceded by intensive logistics planning including material flow optimization measures.

During the first phase, a paved surface is being built south of the current premises for the technical approval of telescopic cranes and rope excavators and for a new noise metering area. A new and spacious shipping area for machines and components is also part of the project. During the second phase, a new assembly and paint shop for large machines will be built by the end of 2016.

"We're investing into the future today not only to be able to provide the quality products 'Made in Straubing' in the years to come, but also to continue to increase our competitiveness. As a family-owned company, we feel committed to long-term planning and to adjusting our production facilities to the market requirements of the future. This plant extension ensures optimized logistics, enhanced reliability and an even better working environment for our team", explains managing director Erich Sennebogen.

35,000-m² plant extension for shipping and warehousing

Construction work of the first phase has already begun. During the first stage, a spacious warehouse and shipping area is being established in the space between the existing factory premises and Hunderdorfer

Strasse. At the heart of this new site will be a 180-t crawler gantry crane of the type SENNEBOGEN 5500 from the Star Lifter series which SENNEBOGEN has adapted to its own needs in keeping with the company's philosophy. With a working radius of more than 30 m and a travel range of approx. 170 m, the SENNEBOGEN crawler crane will be able to hoist and handle any heavy components in an area of over 10,000 m². Trucks will be able to directly pass under the gantry crane for even quicker and safer loading, thereby increasing reliability and efficiency. The internal logistics processes will also be optimized, and there will also be new areas for the final technical approval of rope excavators and telescopic cranes.

New finishing and paint shop for more flexibility and quality

During the second construction phase starting in mid-2016, a new hall with a surface area of approx. 6,700 m² including a large roofed outdoor area will be built. This building will be used for the assembly and painting of large components. Also, there will be significantly more space for finishing work and quality control, enhancing quality and providing more space for our employees. Another area of the building will be dedicated to the customizing of our machines to individual requirements.

More space in current production shops and open areas

The current production shops and technical approval areas will benefit as well. Also, there will be more space for device assembly and for testing and set-up procedures. This will enhance production flexibility and reduce lead times, a requirement of the market and customers that is often crucial when making purchasing decisions.

"The market is trending toward customization and larger machines. This can best be seen in our new 300-t rope excavator, which, due to its size and weight, is always a challenge in our current production halls.

"Long-term investments like these are therefore necessary to meet future market requirements in an optimal manner. SENNEBOGEN products "Made in Straubing" stand for quality and have proved their worth around the world", says Walter Sennebogen.

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