

MEDIA RELEASEBussnang, 18th March 2009**Stadler is building its IBS Centre in Erlen**

Thanks to major orders, and in particular those for vehicles with a length of up to 200 metres, Stadler Rail needs to build a new commissioning centre (IBS Centre). The existing rail installations at both the Bussnang and Altenrhein factories are too short. Stadler Rail has therefore decided to set up the new IBS Centre in Erlen in the canton of Thurgau.

According to current planning, the total investment will amount to about 35 million, and 50 to 60 workers will be employed at this location in the future.

With this investment decision, both Stadler Rail and Peter Spuhler clearly demonstrate their commitment to the workplace Switzerland in general, and to the canton of Thurgau in particular.

Erlen comes out on top

Prompted by continuing sales successes, Stadler Rail has decided to set up its own IBS Centre. A number of locations were evaluated for this purpose, and an ideal site with a direct connection to the Zurich - Romanshorn main line was able to be purchased at the site of a former petrol dump in Erlen.

In the end, two additional alternatives in Romanshorn und Bussnang were still being considered. In Romanshorn, however, parts of the site under consideration in the former marshalling yard will be used for the expansion of the St. Gallen S-Bahn. Although the necessary number of rails and the future rail geometry have not yet been determined, the total, effectively available surface area was, however, too small for the Stadler IBS Centre. In Bussnang, on the other hand, there is a desire to keep the available land reserves free for the future.

In Erlen, the prerequisites are optimal, both in regard to the available surface area and the rail geometry. The wide range of connections of the six hall rail systems to the operational railway tracks is particularly advantageous.

Further strengthening of the Thurgau location

The Thurgau location will profit from the construction of this IBS Centre and from the creation of new workplaces. Peter Spuhler, the owner and CEO of the Stadler Rail Group, is pleased: „With this new construction, we are once again able to invest in the workplace Switzerland and, in particular, to further strengthen the location of Thurgau. The creation of additional workplaces is important for the region, particularly in difficult economic periods.“ This is also an elegant solution for the community of Erlen: The new Stadler building represents a meaningful redevelopment of

land that is currently unused. The new hall will be around 220 m long and 40 m wide. Within this hall, trains that have been completely assembled in Altenrhein und Bussnang will run through a control and adjustment programmes lasting about six weeks before being delivered to the customers. In addition to this, only low-noise setting and control work will take place on the vehicles. Stadler will employ IBS engineers and specialists in Erlen for this work. According to the agreement with the previous owners of the land on which the petrol dump stood, Stadler will rehabilitate the soil before the construction of the new building. A total of between CHF 32 und 35 million will be invested.

Stadler Rail Group, the system provider for customised solutions in rail vehicle manufacture, has locations in Switzerland (Altenrhein, Bussnang and Winterthur), in Germany (Berlin-Pankow and Velten), in Poland (Siedlce), in Hungary (Budapest, Pusztascabolcz and Szolnok), as well as in Algeria (Algiers). More than 2,400 people are employed group-wide. The best-known vehicle families of the Stadler Rail Group are the GTW articulated railcar (453 trains sold), the RS1 Regio Shuttle (402 trains sold), the FLIRT (514 trains sold) and the DOSTO double-decker S-Bahn train (50 trains sold) in the complete trains sector, and the Variobahn (255 vehicles sold) and the newly developed Tango (90 vehicles sold) in the streetcar sector. In addition, Stadler manufactures passenger coaches and diesel electric locomotives, and is the leading manufacturer of rack railway vehicles worldwide.

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