

## Brose order helps to safeguard jobs



Along with Michael Stoschek, Chairman of the Brose Group (2nd from left), D+S logistic GmbH celebrated the "topping out" of the new logistics center in Ebersdorf near Coburg on May 11th, 2010.

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The automotive supplier Brose has transferred the entire logistics operations of its Coburg plant to D+S logistic GmbH. Against this background, the service provider is building a new logistics center in Ebersdorf near Coburg which will be completed in summer 2010.

On May 11th, 2010, D+S logistic GmbH celebrated the "topping out" ceremony together with Michael Stoschek, Chairman of the Brose Group, shareholders, Matthias Brendel, Managing Director of D+S logistic, Friedrich Herdan, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Bernd Reisenweber, Mayor of Ebersdorf.

The new building on the former site of ESTO in Ebersdorf, paves the way for D+S logistic GmbH to create utmost cost-effective logistics and supply processes. Perfectly designed building structure, optimized transport and warehouse processes as well as the integration of the Brose SAP system ensure highest transparency and efficiency along the complex supply chain.

In future, this new logistics center covering more than 10,000 square meters will handle up to 40 truck loads from 120 suppliers every day and manage custom-fit transportation to our European Brose plants.

The plants in Coburg, Hallstadt and Ostrava/Czech Republic will receive deliveries several times a day, a further nine German and European plants several times per week, for example, Meerane, Sta. Margarida/Spain, Coventry/England or Gent/Belgium.

"Logistics play an increasingly central role in the internationalization of our corporate group," says Stefan Krug, General Manager of the Coburg location at the "topping out" ceremony and emphasized: " In D+S I am happy to have found a strong partner who will help us to cope with this important task. I would also like to thank the project team that is currently working hard to bring this important project to fruition."

Before awarding the contract to D+S, a comprehensive tendering procedure was opened and ten logistics enterprises from all over Germany submitted their bids. At the same time, Brose explored numerous alternative locations and operating concepts. In the end, D+S logistic GmbH won this fierce competition, presenting the most economic solution and best overall concept.

"We were happy to give this contract to a regional company and thus indirectly safeguard 50 jobs. As family-owned companies, Brose and D+S logistics are united by a long-term orientation, quick decisions by their owners and a social responsibility to the region," emphasized Krug.

Mathias Brendel, Managing Director of D+S logistic GmbH, appreciates the decision: "We would like to thank Brose for their confidence in us and their constructive cooperation."

Bernd Reisenweber, First Mayor of Ebersdorf and Friedrich Herdan, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, both emphasized the importance for Coburg's economy. "The remarkably speedy construction of the new building reflects the emerging economic development of the Coburg region. Especially in times like these, local investments are important signals," according to Herdan. Reisenweber referred to the building as "another pearl in Ebersdorf", which provides a wider basis for the community's economic life.