

## **FN Neuhofer**

### **Apartment building completed**



The sustained growth of the successful family-owned and operated company FN Neuhofer in Zell am Moos – and the resulting steady stream of new hires – is one of the reasons why the company, led by owner Franz Neuhofer, has again decided to invest.

A residential building with thirteen rental flats has been built in the immediate vicinity of the company's premises. This building offers staff members – in particular those who move here from further afield – attractive and sunny flats with a wonderful view of the countryside. There is a choice of functional 2-room flats, charming two-storey maisonettes and spacious attic flats. The building spans three storeys, plus a basement level, and 26 car parking spaces have been created – 16 of which are covered. The property's total living area is 1,075 m<sup>2</sup>. This residential building has been completed since August 2021 and the first tenants are already enjoying these stylish flats.

"We're very pleased to be able to offer living space nearby, just a few minutes from our company", explains Neuhofer, adding: "The building site is of special importance to me as my former primary school once stood there".

### **Investments in an additional warehouse and a new planing plant**

"Our investments in an additional warehouse and a new planing plant (P 3000 Weinig) for solid wood production are further guarantees that we will continue to be at our customers' side as a reliable partner with full performance and proven commitment", says Franz Neuhofer.

## **Husqvarna Group is further expanding its offering in surface preparation through the acquisition of Blastrac**

### **Husqvarna Group's Construction Division has signed an agreement to acquire Blastrac, a leading provider of surface preparation technologies for the global construction and remediation industry.**

"The acquisition of Blastrac strengthens and complements our organic growth ambitions, as we are further expanding into complementary surface preparation solutions. This will enable us to provide customers with a complete range of solutions for any given surface preparation task," said Henric Andersson, President & CEO, Husqvarna Group.

The Blastrac product portfolio includes high-quality and efficient solutions for shot blasting, scarifying, scraping, grinding & polishing and dust collection. Blastrac's net sales during last 12 months amounted to approximately SEK 600m. The company has 380 employees globally with manufacturing and sales offices in North America, Europe and Asia with sales in more than 80 countries. "The acquisition aims to further build and expand our offering in the market for surface preparation. Blastrac's business fits well into our growth strategy and

will enable us to expand to our existing and new customers," said Karin Falk, President, Construction Division. "In addition, the Blastrac team will bring extensive product and market expertise with these complementary solutions." The parties aim at closing the acquisition by the end of 2020. The acquisition is subject to approval by relevant competition authorities.

## **Wintersteiger**

### **Digital, powerful, high precision:**

### **The new DSB Twinhead Pro XM thin-cutting band saw**



- A thin-cutting band saw for very high capacity requirements
- The basic version with two saw modules can be expanded to six modules
- Modern solutions for more efficient production processes
- Individual customization for the softwood segment

Wintersteiger AG from Upper Austria has made the powerful DSB Twinhead thin-cutting band saw fit for the future: with its digital solutions and a completely overhauled user interface, the new DSB Twinhead Pro XM heralds the start of the next generation of machines. The band saw has also been optimized for the softwood segment. The new DSB Twinhead Pro XM with two saw modules is a thin-cutting band saw machine for industrial use where a large capacity is required. The proven predecessor model has been optimized from various viewpoints. Andreas Ramsauer, Product Manager of Division Woodtech, explains: "This development project was all about incorporating advances in digitalization into a tried and tested machine to enhance it and exploit all available technical options for our customers. The result is the DSB Twinhead Pro XM, a future-proof band saw for high-quality thin-cutting of wood."

The basic version can be extended to three machines in total – connected in series. This amounts to a total of 6 saw modules in one system. Thanks to the dual design of each machine, the DSB Twinhead Pro XM is also a space-saving solution.

### **Modern solutions for more efficient production processes.**

Digitalization brings with it enormous opportunities and possibilities. With so much data available for the cutting process, such as feed speeds for different kinds of wood, it is possible to think in terms of saw blade optimization. Andreas Ramsauer explains: "The last few years have shown us that digitalization has also reached the woodworking industry. So the logical next step was to take up this engineering trend."

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