

KTR Initiates the Second Growth Step



Jürgen Diroll (l.) and Josef Gerstner have coordinated the new building and the move.

(Pictures: Sven Rapreger)

Rheine. Everything had been prepared according to the General Staff. When the signal for the move was given everybody of the more than 140 staff members exactly knew what to do. It took just three days until the complete administration of the Power Transmission specialist KTR was done with the move to the new office in the Carl Zeiss Street. „We have achieved our target, we have realized everything in a stringent way“, the CEO is pleased to mention. Jointly with the Proxy Jürgen Diroll Gerstner coordinated the move of the staff and the planning of the new building. „We did not need any help from other companies for the move“, Diroll says.

Two hours before the actual time of the move he gave the signal to the respective department. First the computer and the phone were carried into the new office. Within only a few hours the complete working places were moved and ready for use again. This only worked because before the move the office was cleared out in a consequent way and only the things you really needed were taken.

It took almost one year to build the new office, KTR has invested around € 4 million in it. The new building of 3,000 sqm space on three floors corresponds to the latest demands on control technology, says Diroll. Geothermal energy is used making sure for heating in wintertime and cooling in summertime. According to own statements the medium-size company does no longer need any fossil energy sources. „This also represents our corporate philosophy“, says Gerstner. For a fairly long time KTR has counted on alternative drives and technology for renewable energies – like hybrid and electric motors and energy-efficient drives to use solar energy.



In the evening the new building gives a very special impression due to its lighting.

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This has obviously proven successful: In the past five years the turnover has been doubled. This year the company expects around € 220 million. KTR employs around

850 people worldwide, 350 of these are in Rheine. „We are a stability factor and one of the most important payers of trade tax here“, Gerstner proudly says giving a clear statement on the location in Rheine.

Thus everything runs smoothly with the Power Transmission specialist. Actually this would be a reason for the CEO Gerstner to be satisfied and lean back to proudly look at what has been achieved. However, KTR wants to go on growing as he announces in a meeting with our Editor. „We have initiated the second growth step.“ Until 2016 the turnover should increase to around € 400 million a year. This shall be achieved through a bunch of innovations. In Rheine the assembly shop will soon be extended. Even the new office building could become too small in a few years already.

For KTR this should not be a problem. According to Diroll there is enough space available on the company site. „The new building is just the start. We can gradually extend it“, explains the Proxy. The new office was planned in a way that possible further buildings can easily be connected. Not only the move, but also the further expansion has been planned according to the General Staff.

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