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### Ground-breaking ceremony of OPITZ Packaging Systems in Northeim

*The company for packaging machines in Duderode invests 6 million euros in a new production hall and administration building - exclusively regenerative energies used*

**Duderode, July 27, 2022.** OPITZ Packaging Systems GmbH is starting a new era with a groundbreaking ceremony on July 27, 2022: The specialist for automated packaging machines is investing six million euros in a new production hall along with an administration building. "The new building at Detlev-Karsten-Rohwedder-Strasse 8 in Northeim has become necessary because the capacities at the old current company headquarters in the Kalefeld district of Duderode have been exhausted" said Günther and son Tim Opitz, managing directors of the family-owned company.

The merger with the globally active company Storopack Hans Reichenecker GmbH from Metzingen near Stuttgart in the fall of 2021, the specialist for customized protective packaging and technical molded parts, will open up additional markets in the future.



The move to the new site is planned for the end of 2022. The current site will be retained for the expansion of machining technology, special machine construction and make-to-order production.

"With our modern automation solutions for the mail order business, we have been very successful internationally for several years and have been working at the space limit for some time," says Tim Opitz. 25,000 sqm covers the overall site at the southeastern entrance to Northeim with an option for later expansion. The hall with 2,500 sqm is also designed for future capacity expansion.

"With photovoltaics and heat pumps, we have planned to be energy-neutral from the start and achieve the KfW Efficiency House 40 standard," says Günther Opitz and son Tim adds "Our goal is to supply our customers even more promptly with the new building and to increase from 50 to

80 employees." Administration, technical planning and engineering, and sales will also have more space. The construction partner is Gerlach Schlüsselfertigbau GmbH & Co. KG in Einbeck, and the local Kreissparkasse Northeim is the financial partner.

Currently, the 50 employees and four trainees are designing and manufacturing machine systems for automated carton erecting, carton sealing and camera-controlled volume reduction of shipping cartons. The latter in particular contributes to sustainable and resource-saving packaging processes and reduces costs for shipping, filling material and personnel. The development of a system for automatic insertion of pads in shipping cartons won the 2021 Innovation Award of the Göttingen district of the WRG. OPITZ is benefiting from the booming global online trade.

The managing directors see great potential in 3D printing for plastic and stainless steel parts, which is to be expanded at the old Düderode site. "The process speeds up special machine construction and single-part production and makes us more independent and ready to deliver, as we can manufacture everything in-house," Günther Opitz emphasizes.

As an employer, OPITZ offers a wide range of professions and apprenticeships: from industrial and office clerks to mechatronics and machining technicians to control and electrical engineers. The company works closely with regional training organizations such as the Academy of Technology, TU Clausthal and the University of Göttingen. "We are constantly looking for motivated new team members, offer an exciting working environment with career prospects," is the optimistic view of the managing directors into the future on the occasion of the current soft decisions.

OPITZ Packaging Systems was founded in Düderode in 1990 and generated annual sales of 6.5 million euros in 2021. Since October last year, the long-standing cooperation with the protective packaging manufacturer Storopack Hans Reichenecker GmbH from Metzingen near Stuttgart in Baden-Württemberg has been intensified: since then, the traditional family-owned company has held a stake in the packaging machine manufacturer OPITZ. Together, shipping companies worldwide are to be offered fully comprehensive solutions in the area of product protection and automation of packaging processes - a thoroughly promising alliance for both sides.