



## Ground-breaking dig for high-tech center

**Expansion of the manufacturing facility in Grüşch secures the growth of the WITTENSTEIN Group worldwide / 22 million franc investment in the second construction phase**

The expansion of the Grüşch / Prättigau facility as a center of competence for mechatronic drive components within the WITTENSTEIN Group is making good progress. Following the successful establishment and expansion of rack manufacturing, the second phase will entail the construction of a modern production shop for high-precision, high-tech components to meet intra-Group demand. "The machining expertise we've acquired and built up over the last few years and the excellent conditions we enjoy here were fundamental aspects in our decision to further enlarge the Grüşch facility", said Andreas Tinner, Managing Director of WITTENSTEIN Switzerland.

The overall complex on the Grüşch site, which has a total area of about 10,000 square meters, will be completed in three separate construction phases and is designed in a modern architectural style throughout. Whereas the first phase in 2010 comprised an office wing and production shop, the second phase is mainly concerned with adding more value creation spaces. The most conspicuous feature of this project section will be the elegant, covered outdoor area. Inside the building, apart from a production area of 1150 square meters and offices for administrative activities integrated with production, the 90 or so employees in Grüşch will particularly profit from spacious recreation rooms.

### **Scheduled for completion in October 2019**

The construction work started immediately following the ground-breaking dig on November 9, 2018. The intensive building work and tight schedule will hopefully allow production to get off the ground in October 2019. The total investment in the construction project and the production lines will amount to approximately 22 million Swiss francs – leading to around 20 new jobs in the Lower Prättigau Valley region by 2020.

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WITTENSTEIN develops customized products, systems and solutions for highly dynamic motion, maximum-precise positioning and smart networking for mechatronic drive technology.



What WITTENSTEIN AG in Grüşch will look like after the expansion.

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The Grüşch project marks a further milestone in the WITTENSTEIN Group's expansion plans. "The envisaged investments will not only establish a second pillar at our Swiss site; the intention is also to ensure our future ability to deliver in our core segment. It's a win-win situation for our Grüşch subsidiary and for WITTENSTEIN as a whole", emphasized Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein of the WITTENSTEIN SE Management Board in Igersheim (Germany).

To date, the project has been distinguished by constructive collaboration on the part of the Swiss-German planning team as well as pragmatic and unbureaucratic cooperation with the local authorities in Grüşch and the Grisons canton. "The client, the planners and the contractors have worked together so far without any problems at all. I'm absolutely confident that the team will get the construction project finished on time and on budget", Tinner continued.

Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein (Management Board, WITTENSTEIN Group) has been joined at the symbolic ground-breaking dig by Dr. Ulrich Immler, Manfred Dalhof and Michael Soeding (Board of Directors), Andreas Tinner and Gerhard Horn (Managing Directors, WITTENSTEIN Switzerland), Thilo Brandel (Head of Facility Management, WITTENSTEIN Group) and Hans Vetsch (architect).



Symbolic ground-breaking dig on November 9, 2018: (left to right): Martin Bordoli, Dr. Lars Aldinger, Andreas Tinner, Gerhard Horn, Dr. Ulrich Immler, Frau Anna-Katharina Wittenstein, Manfred Dalhof, Michael Soeding, Hans Vetsch und Thilo Brandel. Photo: WITTENSTEIN AG/Fotostudio Gaby Müller

### Photos / renderings

Exterior views of WITTENSTEIN AG in Grüşch following the second construction phase, which begins with the ground-breaking dig on November 9, 2018.




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With around 2600 employees worldwide and sales of €385 million in 2017/18, WITTENSTEIN SE enjoys an impeccable reputation for innovation, precision and excellence in the field of mechatronic drive technology – not just in Germany but internationally. The group comprises six pacesetting Business Units with separate subsidiaries for servo gearboxes, servo actuator systems, medical technology, miniature servo units, innovative gearing technology, rotary and linear actuator systems, nanotechnology and electronic and software components for drive technologies. Through its 60 or so subsidiaries and agents in approximately 40 countries, WITTENSTEIN SE ([www.wittenstein.de](http://www.wittenstein.de)) is additionally represented in all the world's major technology and sales markets.

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