

**Full capacity into the future!
Opening of the new factory building of Yamaichi Electronics**

Aschheim-Dornach, April 2020 - The Japanese Yamaichi Electronics Group has been producing in Frankfurt (Oder), the group's only production site in Europe, for almost 15 years. However, the production halls in the former factory in Frankfurt-Markendorf, which the company moved into in 2006, were no longer able to cope with the required production capacities. For this reason, the European company management, based in Aschheim-Dornach near Munich, decided to build an extended new building.

The foundation stone was laid in April 2019, and after only one year of construction, the new building was occupied in mid-April 2020 as planned.

The new production halls cover an area of more than 7,000 m² - i.e. 1.5 football pitches - and are located a 15 minutes' walk from the previous site in Markendorf. The production is highly automated and equipped with the latest technology according to Industry 4.0.

A benefit for the entire region

When awarding the contract for the new building, Yamaichi Electronics attached great importance to the involvement of regional partners and companies. The cooperation with the local craftsmen and service companies ran smoothly and extremely satisfactorily for all parties involved. The City of Frankfurt (Oder) Economic Development Department also made a valuable contribution and provided Yamaichi Electronics with advice and support. Claus Junghanns, Mayor and Economic Affairs Officer, explains: "The cooperation between the city administration and companies worked out well and proves the efficiency of the city's economic development department. I am particularly pleased with the performance of local companies on this major construction site. With the new Yamaichi site, a plant has been created of which many in our region can be rightly proud".

Major order ensures immediate capacity utilization

Just in time for the move to the new location, Yamaichi Electronics is pleased to announce that it has signed a framework agreement with a global market leader in the medical technology sector. The complete production will take place in Frankfurt (Oder). Hardly moved in, an expansion of the production capacities must already be considered now - sufficient space would be available.

Stability even in difficult times

Helge Puhlmann, European President of Yamaichi Electronics, emphasizes the importance of the Frankfurt (Oder) location for

the group: "A major advantage over our competitors in the market was and is our production location in Germany. Thanks to local production, we can count on a secure supply chain even in these tense times".

Conclusion: A successful first-time occupancy

Helge Puhlmann is visibly pleased with the move, which was completed on time: "The decision to build the new factory building was already made in 2018 and of course there were a few hurdles to overcome in the long phase of planning and implementation. However, despite the current situation, we feel confirmed in our decision. Our customers are also attaching increasing importance to products 'Made in Germany'.

René Wilke, Lord Mayor of the City of Frankfurt (Oder): "This large and successful project once again proves that Frankfurt (Oder) is a good and attractive location. We are proud and happy to have such a renowned, globally active company in our city".

About Yamaichi Electronics

Yamaichi Electronics is a market leader for Test & Burn-In sockets, connectors and connection systems. Their reliability and functional dependability are essential for the success of the overall project. Yamaichi Electronics established themselves on the world market very quickly as a manufacturer of high quality, reliable components for demanding applications in various markets and applications: semiconductor, industrial automation, automotive, data networking, measurement & testing, medical, mobile computing, embedded computing, and others.

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