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ift Rosenheim has grown continuously in the last 10 years and is now in need of more space. This is why a Technology Centre is being built at the Rosenheim motorway junction until mid 2016. A new home for 40 highly qualified staff members is being created on a gross surface area of more than 3,000 m² with an investment of about 6 million euro. The utilisation concept foresees tests on fire safety and smoke control elements as well as large-sized facades and construction products. Together with the Rosenheim University of Applied Sciences and the Fraunhofer Competence Centre for Structural Engineering, even pioneering research projects on intelligent construction elements, adaptive facades and construction products in modular design with integrated building services can be executed in a better manner.

ift Rosenheim has grown continuously in the last 10 years, last but not least by the activities of the ift Centre for Fire Testing in Nuremberg. Thanks to the unchanged high demand for ift services by leading companies in Germany, the EU and international markets, as well as normative developments, it can be assumed that there would be further growth. The fire safety centre of ift Rosenheim (BSZ) in Nuremberg until now has become too small and cannot be expanded at its present location. Right now, as a matter of fact, the space bottleneck is resulting in unnecessary waiting times and cumbersome installation processes for customers. This is why ift Rosenheim is planning the construction of a new technology centre at the location in Rosenheim, in which the slogan "All tests from a



Fig. 1
Design of the new ift Technology Centre

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single source" can be implemented both spatially and organisationally.

The Technology Centre will be built at the Rosenheim motorway junction until mid 2016. A new home for 40 highly qualified staff members is being created on a gross surface area of more than 3,000 m² with an investment of about 6 million euro. Large-sized facades (wind loads, air-tightness, and driving rain) and, of course, the fire and smoke behaviour of construction products including the associated long-term performance shall be tested at the **ift** Technology Centre Rosenheim. Moreover, Research & Development shall also be increasingly located here. The Technology Centre and the test facilities are being constructed in accordance with the most modern criteria. The utilisation concept envisages that it shall be possible for customers, visitors and scientists from all over the world to experience the tests and analyses of modern building technologies. This includes intelligent construction components, adaptive facades, regenerative energy utilisation in the building shell, media facades, composite materials as well as construction components in modular design with integrated building service from which complete buildings can be constructed. In this way, the Technology Centre will become the central module for further success of **ift** Rosenheim.

Nuremberg will continue to be the "**ift** Branch Office". This is where the "notified product certification body for fire safety" of **ift** Rosenheim will be set up. The product certification body shall gain great significance in future with the publication of the product standard for fire and smoke doors and shutters (EN 16034). The elements to be tested must be selected, the required documents must be prepared and the classification issued under the responsibility of this notified body. After favourable surveillance of a manufacturing company, the notified product certification body will prepare the certificate necessary for certifying the constancy of performance for sales and distribution. In this manner, **ift** Rosenheim is in a position to continue engaging all the employees concerned and to provide an unambiguous acknowledgement for maintaining the **ift** location in Nuremberg.

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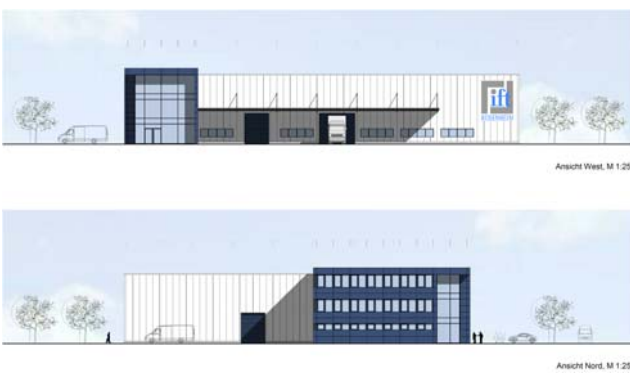

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About the ift Rosenheim

The ift Rosenheim is a European notified testing, surveillance and certification body that is internationally accredited according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025. Its focus is on the practice-oriented, holistic and rapid testing and classification of all characteristics of windows, facades, doors, gates, glass and building materials. It aims to bring about sustained improvements in product quality, design and technology, and in standardisation and research. Certification by the ift Rosenheim ensures acceptance throughout Europe. The ift also sees the dissemination of knowledge as an obligatory part of its work. As an independent institute, the ift enjoys a special status among the media, and its publications document the current state of the art.

Pictures (available to download from the picture library at www.ift-rosenheim.de/bildarchiv/)

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1	<p>Design of the new ift Technology Centre</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI141097_Fig_1_New_ift_Technology_Centre_Design.jpg</p> <p>Source: ift Rosenheim</p>	
2	<p>Tests on large-sized construction components in accordance with EN 16034 will be carried out in Rosenheim starting from 2016</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI141097_Fig_2_Tests_on_large_sized_construction_components.jpg</p> <p>Source: ift Rosenheim</p>	

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3	<p>Starting from 2016, ideal conditions will be offered at the ift Technology Centre in Rosenheim for the testing of innovative construction components in accordance with the slogan "All tests from a single source".</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI141097_Fig_3_All_tests_from_a_single_source.jpg</p> <p>Source: ift Rosenheim</p>	
4	<p>Site plan of the new ift location, only 5 minutes away from the motorway exit Rosenheim</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI141097_Fig_4_Site_plan_of_ift_Technology_Centre.jpg</p> <p>Source: ift Rosenheim</p>	