

### **One year after groundbreaking: Jacob Bek GmbH opens new production hall**

On June 24, 2022, Jacob Bek GmbH opened its new production hall with multi-strip cut-to-length line. The inauguration, which took place as scheduled twelve months after the groundbreaking ceremony for the production expansion, was celebrated at a festive event with around 200 guests. Customers and employees of Jacob Bek GmbH as well as company representatives of the various construction trades involved in the project were invited. In addition to the Managing Directors of Jacob Bek, Robert Seeberger and Peter Zarth, and minority shareholder Ulrich Müller, other participants from thyssenkrupp were also present: including Martin Stillger and Daniel Wodera CEO and CFO of thyssenkrupp Materials Services, Detlef Schotten, CEO of thyssenkrupp Schulte and Chairman of the Advisory Board of Jacob Bek, and Thorsten Struckmann, Member of the Advisory Board of Jacob Bek. The project participants from the construction company Goldbeck and plant manufacturer Salico and Titan were also on site as well as a large number of customer representatives.

### **Powerful plant for more capacity**

The new production hall with multi-strip cut-to-length line in the Donautal industrial park is intended to strengthen the company's core business – customized cut-to-length of blanks and sheets – in the future. Managing Director Robert Seeberger says: "We are very pleased that the new hall has been completed on schedule. The increased capacity will enable us to better serve the high qualitative demands of our customers and further expand our service capabilities." The new facility will allow the company to handle up to 60,000 more tons of material in a year. Ring weights of up to 30 tons can be processed. Packaging of the material is fully automated. By expanding its range of services, Jacob Bek GmbH is following the "Materials as a Service" strategy of thyssenkrupp Materials Services.

### **Sustainable aspects in focus of the new building**

The production hall has an area of around 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> and is equipped with two modern crane systems with a lifting capacity of up to 32 tons. The sustainable aspect was the focus of the new building: In addition to electric forklifts, there are also parking spaces for e-cars as well as charging stations for e-bikes. Furthermore, the building is tempered by a heat pump heating system. With these measures, Jacob Bek is contributing to supporting thyssenkrupp Materials Services' goal of climate neutrality from 2030.

### **Inauguration ceremony with special program**

At the inauguration ceremony, guests were able to get a first impression of the new hall as well as the plant. The symbolic highlight was the cutting of a ribbon marking the starting

point for production in the new hall building. In addition, the participants could look forward to a special evening with live music, a speech by extreme mountaineer Benedikt Böhm and a joint dinner. One day later, employees also had the opportunity to view the new capacities at their site at a large family celebration with 340 visitors.

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Jacob Bek GmbH has been a reliable partner for industry and the skilled trades for over 190 years, enabling customers to concentrate on their core business. The company is an affiliate of thyssenkrupp Materials Services and part of thyssenkrupp Schulte – the materials partner for steel, stainless steel and nonferrous metals in Germany.

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### **About thyssenkrupp Materials Services**

thyssenkrupp Materials Services is the biggest mill-independent materials distributor and service provider in the Western world with around 380 locations - including around 260 warehouse sites - in more than 30 countries. The versatile range of services offered by the materials experts allows customers to focus even more strongly on their individual core businesses. As part of its strategic development "Materials as a Service", the company is focusing on the supply of raw materials and materials as well as products and services in the area of supply chain management. Digital solutions ensure efficient and resource-saving processes for customers and thus provide the basis for sustainable action. From 2030 thyssenkrupp Materials Services aims to operate on a climate-neutral basis.

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