

Topping-out ceremony for CHG-MERIDIAN's new building at its Weingarten site

- **Second stage of the architectural plan from 2000 near completion**
- **Around 250 state-of-the-art workstations to be available in the new building by early 2016**
- **Weingarten continues to benefit from the Company's strong performance**

Weingarten, April 22, 2015

Stuttgart-based architects Daller and Huber were awarded the contract back in 2000, and the plans that they drew up to win the tender are now coming to fruition in the shape of an additional new building for CHG-MERIDIAN's headquarters. Located in Franz-Beer-Strasse in Weingarten, on the edge of Ravensburg, the offices will be ready for their new occupants in late 2015/early 2016. The building's shell has been completed, and work on the exterior is well under way. The traditional topping-out ceremony took place today and was attended by workers who have contributed to the building's construction and the Mayor of Weingarten, Markus Ewald.

The new building, which has estimated costs of some €20 million, represents the final step in the architects' original plan. Made of steel, glass, and concrete, it will provide 250 workstations spread over a floor area of 4,740 square meters. Initially, not all of this space will be occupied by the international financial consultancy and technology management company CHG-MERIDIAN. "We have been growing steadily for years, and our offices in Weingarten are now at maximum capacity," said Jürgen Mossakowski, Chief Executive Officer of CHG-MERIDIAN AG, at the topping-out.

Global growth creates more jobs in Weingarten

The new building will provide much-needed space for further growth and thus more employees in Weingarten. At the end of 2014, CHG-MERIDIAN employed 841 people (December 31, 2013: 795) at more than 40 sites in 19 countries worldwide. Of the total workforce, 285 people were employed at the headquarters in Weingarten (December 31, 2013: 265). "In the long term, we anticipate that 250 new jobs could be created in our new building."

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Employees can certainly look forward to comfortable surroundings. Besides light and airy offices, the new building will boast a small gym, showers, and changing rooms, a larger cafeteria including a lounge area, and additional underground parking.

Working in partnership with the town council

The topping-out ceremony was an opportunity to praise and thank not only the people who have been working on the building but also Weingarten's town council. "We maintain a very close and effective working relationship with the council," said Mossakowski. "Weingarten has again showed itself to be a pro-business town that provides unbureaucratic support to companies carrying out complex projects such as this one."

The CHG-MERIDIAN Group is growing rapidly, especially abroad, and will soon pass the 1,000 employees mark. "Demand for our services extends worldwide. All new business, wherever we are operating in the world, benefits our home town of Weingarten, because this is the Company's nerve center. This situation will not change in the future," explained Mossakowski.

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW BUILDING IN WEINGARTEN

The new building in numbers

Key facts about the new building

Construction period	February 2014 to December 2015
Capital expenditure	€20 million
Floor area	4,740 square meters
Workstations	Space for 250 new employees

Building work up to April 22, 2015

Volume of earth excavated	13,000 cubic meters
Interior space	36,000 cubic meters
Steel used	960 tonnes
Concrete used	6,450 tonnes

Further information and photos can be found at www.chg-meridian.com