

**PRESS RELEASE**

**profine to expand its storage and logistics space**

On 31 May 2012, the first turf was dug, marking the official go ahead for the expansion to profine GmbH's storage and logistics space at its Pirmasens location.

Together with the Lord Mayor of the City of Pirmasens Dr. Bernhard Matheis, profine COO Gerhard Schwager opened construction work on a site covering nearly 15,000 square metres that will be used primarily for storing and order picking Trocal profiles produced in Pirmasens.

The new space will be directly adjoining the plant premises and the uncovered logistics area of 41,000 square metres that has been gradually integrated in the plant's operations since expansion started at the location in 2004.

Gerhard Schwager: "The new area blends seamlessly into our plant infrastructure and is the perfect complement. This is our investment in customer services, and it will be instrumental in consolidating and optimising our delivery performance over the long term as well."

The new space will increase profine's storage capacities by about 7,000 stillages, and the associated reorganisation will help to optimise order picking times, raise loading capacities, and accelerate the handling of shipments.

"Powerful logistics has priority on the market. This investment is intended ultimately to pursue our goal of strengthening our partners' competitive position on the window making sectors. The new area will provide an additional basis for sustainable growth and a boost to the performance and services of profine under intensifying competitive pressures," announced Gerhard Schwager at the first cut of the turf.

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The first cut of the turf marking the official go ahead for profine's new logistics area in Pirmasens on 31 May 2012: From left to right: Wolfgang Hoppe, engineering office Hoppe & Link; Werner Berger, Head of the profine Building Department; Dr Bernhard Matheis, Lord Mayor of the City of Pirmasens; Gerhard Schwager, profine COO; Clemens Walter, Walter Real Estate.

#### About profine:

profine GmbH – International Profile Group – is a worldwide leading manufacturer of PVC-U profiles for windows and doors and a renowned provider of shutter systems and PVC sheets. With its KBE, KÖMMERLING, and TROCAL brands, the Group has an excellent international standing at 28 sites in 21 countries. profine Group manufactures at production facilities in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Ukraine, the USA and China. With its head office in Troisdorf, North Rhine-Westphalia, and a payroll of 3200, the Group recorded a turnover of about €700m in 2011.

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