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## Green energy for Holzindustrie Schweighofer's sawmill in Germany

- **Holzindustrie Schweighofer to construct a biomass cogeneration plant at its site in Kodersdorf, Germany**
- **Investment of € 24 million – one of Germany's most modern plants for the production of green energy**
- **Plant will be operational by 2020**

Holzindustrie Schweighofer, one of Europe's leading wood processing companies, took over the sawmill in Kodersdorf, Saxony (Germany) in 2015. The company has been expanding the production capacity ever since. Today, the mill produces lumber and planed products that are especially tailored to the US and the Japanese markets. With its 430 employees, the company is also an important employer in the region.

### CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral production of green energy

Holzindustrie Schweighofer is investing € 24 million in the construction of a biomass cogeneration plant (heat and power) at its site in Kodersdorf. The plant, which will have a maximum capacity of over 5 MW<sub>el</sub> (electric output) and 15 MW<sub>therm</sub> (thermal output) will be amongst the most modern green energy plants in Germany. The electricity production corresponds to the annual electricity consumption of about 12,500 two-person households. The biomass cogeneration plant is scheduled to go into operation in 2020.

Frank Badeda, Managing Director of Holzindustrie Schweighofer Germany: "With the new biomass cogeneration plant we are taking a significant step towards sustainability and security of supply. Our sawmill will produce significantly more green energy than we need for our production processes. The excess green electricity will be fed into the public grid. Hence, we are decreasing our energy dependency and thereby increasing our competitiveness, while at the same time contributing to the supply of green electricity to private households."

### Security of supply and sustainability

With its own biomass cogeneration plant, the mill will both improve its energy efficiency, since electricity and heat will be produced simultaneously, as well as its security of supply. Whereas other forms of green energy production are dependent on weather conditions (e.g. wind and solar power), electricity generation from biomass delivers reliable CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral electricity around the clock. While the electricity will be used to power production processes, the surplus heat generated during electricity generation will be used to dry Holzindustrie Schweighofer's high-quality wood products. Only natural bark and forest biomass will be used as fuel for the combined heat and power plant.

"We process 100 per cent of our raw material and are careful not to waste this sustainable resource. Even bark is not considered waste, but is used in the sense of the recycling economy – in future also for energy", explains Frank Badeda.

**About the Schweighofer Group**

The Schweighofer Group has its roots in a traditional Austrian family company with over 400 years of experience in wood processing. Today, the Group is primarily active in the wood processing industry, forest management, bioenergy production and real estate. The industry division of the Schweighofer Group operates three sawmills and two wooden panel productions in Romania and one sawmill in Germany. It takes a leading role in the European timber-processing industry, currently employing around 3,100 employees. Holzindustrie Schweighofer exports products to over 70 countries worldwide

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