



## Ground-Breaking Ceremony for Makita Headquarters in Fischamend

**New business location projects comprise a strategic priority in the cooperation between Vienna Airport and neighboring communities**

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new corporate headquarters of Makita Austria took place in the Municipality of Fischamend today, Friday, June 24, 2016. An office building and a 16 meter high storage warehouse will be built on an area of approx. 23,000 m<sup>2</sup>. In the future, a broad portfolio of products will be marketed from the company's base in Fischamend for the power tool and garden segments. The ground-breaking ceremony was carried out by Nobuo Katamine, Managing Director Makita Austria, Thomas Ram, Mayor of Fischamend, Günther Ofner, Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG as well as Werner Lasek, Makita Plant Manager, Christian Will, Makita Sales Manager and Shinya Ito, Assistant to the Makita Austria Management Board.

Mayor Thomas Ram is pleased that Makita has established its headquarters in the Municipality of Fischamend, and is convinced that "the business expansion will drive the local economy and increase value creation in the region. The area will become more attractive thanks to the creation of new jobs."

Günther Ofner, Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG, is also pleased with the growth of the airport region, adding: "The proximity to the airport and thus its central location as a gateway to Eastern Europe makes the site very attractive for Makita. The promotion of business location projects in the region is of great importance to Vienna Airport and its neighboring communities. That is why we are excited about this joint success."

"Makita Austria decided to expand, and increasingly cooperate with sister companies in Eastern Europe. For this reason, the Fischamend site is optimally suited to our purposes thanks to the nearby airport and the proximity to the company's own logistics partners as well as the good infrastructure and highway access", states Makita Managing Director Nobuo Katamine. "The increased office and storage space aims to enhance our capacity and improve business processes in particular. These competitive advantages will have a positive impact on business relationships but also improve the working environment for employees."

### **About 100 new jobs in the region**

Makita's new headquarters in Austria comprising an area of approx. 23,000 m<sup>2</sup> were planned by the architecture firm ATP and built by the construction company Porr. Makita Austria was founded as the tenth subsidiary of the multinational company in the year 1981, and serves as the head office for four Eastern European countries. Some 65 employees at present ensure first-class service as well as close contacts with customers. The staff will expand to about 100 employees as a consequence of the modernization and the relocation of business operations to Fischamend.

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