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New location in Italy for Rittal and Eplan

A milestone for strong cooperation

Together for the customers: Rittal and Eplan, two companies of the Friedhelm Loh Group, officially inaugurated their new location in Pioltello, northern Italy, on 17 May 2019. This way, the two affiliated companies are supporting their cooperation in Italy so that they can increasingly offer their solutions along the entire value chain of panel building and switchgear manufacturing. The state-of-the-art new building with an investment sum of €7.2 million euros is marked by its low energy consumption in accordance with the NZEB (Nearly Zero Energy Building) criteria.

Herborn, 18 June 2019 – “The joint headquarters of Rittal and Eplan in Italy opens up completely new options for giving our customers in panel building and switchgear manufacturing even more comprehensive support in their value-added processes,” said Marco Villa, Managing Director of Rittal Italy, who was delighted at the opening of Rittal and Eplan’s new headquarters in Northern Italy’s Pioltello. Prof. Friedhelm Loh, owner and CEO of the Friedhelm Loh Group, as well as representatives of the German and Italian management team inaugurated the joint location of the Friedhelm Loh Group’s sister companies. As early as January, more than 100 employees of the two companies had moved to the new building near Milan, which replaces the former Rittal location in Vignate and the Eplan headquarters in Vimodrone.

The family-owned and -operated business is setting the course for Rittal and Eplan in Italy with this new HQ for its Italian subsidiaries: “This inauguration is an extraordinary success for us. At the same time, it

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represents a starting point for the future. I am honoured to share this moment with the people who work together every day to achieve the company's objectives. I am also very pleased to welcome representatives of our community, the media, our owner Prof. Friedhelm Loh and members of Rittal's senior management," Mr. Villa added.

End-to-end solutions for Industry 4.0

Thanks to this cooperation under one roof, Rittal and Eplan can expand their expertise in the interaction of engineering, enclosure solutions, automation and service in the Italian market even further. This way, the two companies are increasing added value for customers on their route to Industry 4.0. That is because end-to-end solutions with consistent data, state-of-the-art software tools and automation technology are enabling productivity and efficiency to be increased throughout the entire process. This also involves shorter planning cycles and faster manufacturing and assembly processes.

Innovative “green building”

The two companies' new headquarters in Pioltello has been designed according to the NZEB (“Nearly Zero Energy Building”) criteria, which guarantees a particularly low level of energy consumption combined with high sustainability. The building also features an innovative data centre “made by Rittal” and a 23.4 kWp photovoltaic system. Besides all this, it has been equipped with an automated irradiation control system in the indoor area, as well as an external sun protection solution. The location offers space for offices, a showroom, technical training, as well as interactive demonstrations of Rittal configurations or Eplan planning software over a total area of 4,800 square metres.

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“2019 will be a historic year for both our companies. It will be a year marked by innovation and modernity: and from today there will a special date in the calendar: 17 May”, Mr. Villa announced, concluding the event in Pioltello.

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Image 1 (fri192017800.jpg): Prof. Friedhelm Loh, owner and CEO of the Friedhelm Loh Group (centre), his wife Debora Loh (next to him on the left), Dr. Karl-Ulrich Köhler, CEO Rittal International (left), his wife Gabriele Köhler (on the right, next to Prof. Loh) as well as Marco Villa, CEO of Rittal Italy (right) and his wife Raffaella Villa (on the right, next to him) open the new Rittal and Eplan location in Italy.

Image 2 (fri192017900.jpg): Combined expertise for the entire value chain of enclosure manufacturing: Rittal and Eplan together under a new roof in Italy.

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About Rittal

Rittal, headquartered in Herborn, Germany, is a leading global provider of solutions for industrial enclosures, power distribution, climate control and IT infrastructure, as well as software and services. Systems made by Rittal are deployed in over 90 per cent of all industries across the world, including machine building and plant engineering, food and beverages, and IT and telecommunications.

The international market leader's product portfolio includes configurable enclosures, with data available across the entire production process. Smart Rittal cooling systems, with up to 75 per cent lower power and CO₂ consumption, can communicate with the production landscape, enabling predictive maintenance and servicing. The offering also includes innovative IT products, from IT racks and modular data centres, to edge and hyperscale computing solutions.

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Leading software providers Eplan and Cideon support the value chain, providing interdisciplinary engineering solutions, while Rittal Automation Systems offers solutions for switchgear. Within Germany, Rittal can supply products on demand within 24 hours – with precision, flexibility and efficiency.

Founded in 1961, Rittal is the largest company in the owner-operated Friedhelm Loh Group. The Friedhelm Loh Group is active worldwide, with 18 production sites and 80 international subsidiaries. It has more than 12,000 employees and posted revenues of 2.6 billion euros in fiscal 2018. In 2019, the family-run business was named one of Germany's leading employers by the Top Employers Institute, for the eleventh year running. Within the scope of a Germany-wide survey, Focus Money magazine identified the Friedhelm Loh Group as one of the nation's best providers of vocational training for the fourth time in 2019.

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