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# Kemper Storatec starts production at new headquarters in Waltrop

- Manufacturer inaugurates premises today (24 June) in festive atmosphere
- Objective: Promote growth in Intralogistics Division
- Permanent exhibition displays complete production unit

Waltrop, 24/06/2014 - Company site with development potential: Today (24 June 2014) KEMPER STORATEC GmbH inaugurated its new headquarters in Waltrop in the northern Ruhr area. The green light has thus been given for the development and production of intelligent system solutions for intralogistics in the neighbouring town of Lünen, home to the former corporate headquarters. After the move, the SME manufacturer intends to grow further. Thanks to its positive development, the company belonging to the KEMPER Group had reached its limits at the previous premises. A permanent exhibition in the new factory building shows a complete, fully-automated manufacturing process for sheet metal processing.

"Our relocation marks a milestone in the history of the KEMPER Group," as Björn Kemper, Executive Director of KEMPER STORATEC, emphasised at the official opening. "At the new location in Waltrop we want to lead the company towards a promising future."

## Company wants to standardize storage technology

The company wants to focus more on developing innovative products in the field of warehouse equipment for flat and long goods such as sheet and profiles in order to penetrate new markets. So far, the focus has been mainly on the production of special technical systems for long goods to meet the needs of individual companies. In parallel, the company aims to develop standardized systems and to conclude new collaborative agreements in related product areas.

The new location in Waltrop – particularly conveniently located on the main traffic axes in the Ruhr – provides ideal conditions to achieve these objectives. KEMPER STORATEC has invested in a 14,000-square metre site in the Leveringhäuser Feld industrial estate on the southern edge of Waltrop. Since the groundbreaking ceremony last summer, a new production facility covering 2,500 square metres and a two-storey administration building with 900 square metres have been erected there.

#### Further expansion on new site possible

The company recently moved into its new headquarters with the current 22 employees. "If our development at the new premises continues, there is nothing in the way of further expansion in terms of space", as Kemper explains. On the property production can be expanded to twice the present area.

KEMPER STORATEC officially opened its new headquarters today with an inauguration ceremony. Over the next two days, the company will open its doors to its customers and partners with an in-house fair. In it, the manufacturer will be displaying its storage systems for sheet metal and pipes, cutting machines and bending presses, as well as extraction and filter systems for welding fumes by KEMPER GmbH, a laser cutting system by Mitsubishi Electric and a press brake by

Safan-Darley. The heart of the exhibition is a live presentation of a complete production unit. This consists of an automated sheet metal store in the form of a double tower with large format sheets, a loading and unloading portal for cutting machines, as well as a laser cutting system with a shuttle table for unmanned operation from Mitsubishi Electric. After the inaugural days, this unit is to remain in the production facility as a permanent exhibition.

### STORATEC intensifies local partnership with Mitsubishi

The fact that Mitsubishi is given such a degree of importance in the exhibition is due to the long-standing partnership between the two companies. They want to expand this at the new location by developing new system solutions. Mitsubishi Electric as well will now be operating from Waltrop with immediate effect. The company has leased a part of the new STORATEC factory building.

In the Waltrop industrial estate KEMPER STORATEC is considered to be a cornerstone investor. Thanks to the commitment of what the Waltrop Town Council terms a stimulus investment, other manufacturing companies have already settled there. The industrial estate is situated on the grounds of a former colliery whose conversion was years in the planning.

Further information at: <a href="https://www.kemper-storatec.eu">www.kemper-storatec.eu</a>

#### **About KEMPER STORATEC GmbH:**

KEMPER STORATEC GmbH is an international supplier in the field of storage, automation and control technology. As a subsidiary of KEMPER GmbH, the world leader in the field of extraction and filter systems as well as extraction tables, it has its headquarters in Waltrop. KEMPER STORATEC GmbH offers innovative solutions in intralogistics for the metalworking industry. Besides the KEMPER INTELLISTORE storage and retrieval system, the company's products include a wide range of different storage systems, loading and depalletizing devices and control units. As a system supplier, KEMPER STORATEC develops and distributes depalletizing devices for small, medium and large format metal sheet packages, as well as its own control and warehouse management software via PLC or IPC. The company has 22 employees. Through KEMPER GmbH, the company has production facilities in Shanghai (China) and Prague (Czech Republic). The company is represented worldwide by eight offices and numerous agencies.

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