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Leister Group invests 35 million Swiss francs in production line expansion at Obwalden location

Capacity expansion in production building for Leister Technologies AG in Sarnen and new clean rooms for Axetris AG in Kägiswil

The companies of the Leister Group record a gratifying business development and require further capacity to ensure supply capability and for sustainable growth. For this reason, the production infrastructure at both companies in Obwalden will be greatly expanded and developed in the next three years.

Leister Technologies AG will merge the production of plastic welding equipment, process heat modules, and laser systems for plastic welding at the Sarnen Ried location and enlarge the existing production building with a new addition. This will create the urgently needed space for expanding the **Axetris AG** clean rooms in the Schwarzenbergstrasse production building at the Kägiswil location.

Leister Technologies AG construction project, Sarnen Ried

By the end of 2018, an addition to the existing production building will be constructed on the Sarnen Ried lot: A building with five floors, 20 m high, 8250 m² floor space, fully automatic small parts warehouse for around 8000 storage bins (approx. 2000 m³ storage volume), and a basement with a car park for 105 vehicles. The existing production building and the new construction will be designed in accordance with the latest methods of Industry 4.0 to increase productivity. Our goal is to permanently increase the number of jobs at Leister Technologies AG at the Obwalden location and to ensure the supply capability of our products in the face of a growing worldwide demand.

All extensions will be architecturally integrated into the existing building structure so that there is a uniform overall appearance. The addition to the production building will be a continuance of the existing facade structure. The automatic small parts warehouse visually corresponds to the design of the high-bay warehouse.



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The entire building will continue to be operated in an energy-sustainable manner. A photovoltaic system with an area of 1000 m² will be installed on the roof and on the south facade. The existing ground water heat pump will be expanded to heat and cool the building.

The new building complex for Leister Technologies AG will be ready for use in early 2019.



View of the Sarnen Ried building starting in 2019 with the production building extension and the automatic small parts warehouse



South side of the Sarnen Ried building with building extension

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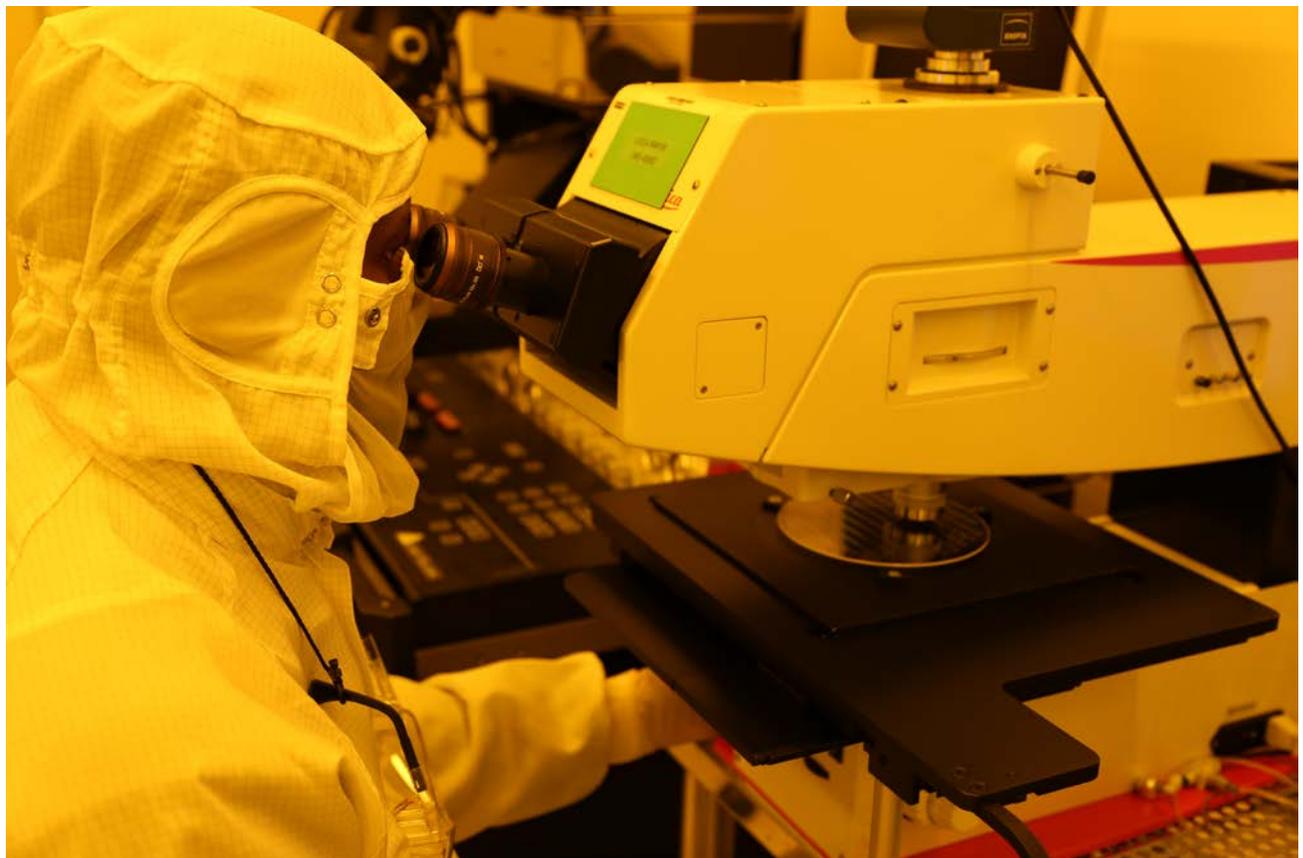
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New clean rooms for Axetris AG in Kägiswil

The increasing requirements in the area of sensor technology, air pollution control, and the megatrends of digitalization and cloud computing have enabled Axetris AG to enjoy a very satisfying growth with their gas sensors and micro-optics worldwide. For this purpose, Axetris AG will double its production capacity in the next few years, and the planning is already going at full speed. The expansion of the urgently needed clean rooms will start immediately as soon as the required space is available in the Kägiswil building. The investments in the infrastructure for the clean rooms and production equipment amount to around 10 million Swiss francs.



Employees of Axetris AG in the Kägiswil clean room

A clear statement for the Obwalden location

With these two construction projects, the Leister Group continues to put its faith in the Obwalden location for the future as well. We continue to offer our employees technically advanced and state-of-the-art workplaces in an attractive environment in central Switzerland. Worldwide, 760 employees work for Leister companies, 500 of them in Obwalden. The Leister Group exports 98% of its turnover in more than 100 countries and has sales companies in Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, the USA, China, India, and Japan. The Leister company in Shanghai, China is a further



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production location for functional plastic welding equipment. The top management of the Leister Group is located at the headquarters in Kägiswil, Obwalden (Switzerland).

Sarnen Ried construction project

Start of construction:	November 2017
Occupation:	Early 2019
Costs:	Around 25 million Swiss francs
Floors:	Five
Area	8250 m ² usable area
Building height:	Around 20 meters
Volume:	53,000 m ³
Use:	4 floors for production, 5th floor offices and cafeteria
Basement:	Car park for 105 vehicles
Automatic small parts warehouse:	8000 storage bins, approx. 2000 m ³ storage volume
Heating:	Ground water heat pump
Photovoltaic system:	Expected annual electricity production of 80 MWh Installed area 1000 m ² , nominal power 65 kWp

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