

Topping out ceremony

The roof is up

Just three months after breaking ground, Kaeser Kompressoren celebrated the topping out ceremony for its new production hall on Friday.

Gera/Coburg – With full order books and growing sales, it was time for the compressor maker and compressed air system provider to expand capacity at its production centre for refrigeration dryers. The product range was also expanding. Apart from adding assembly space, the project includes a new dryer testing room and an expanded logistics department. In total, it will add 2,300 square metres of usable floor space. Thomas Kaeser, the CEO of Kaeser Kompressoren, is pleased with the progress: "If the work keeps moving ahead at this pace, production could start in the new facility as early as June". He added: "Gera is an important location for us and the employees here make a big difference in keeping our customers satisfied. The new production facilities will enable them to do that even faster."

Boosting innovation

In Gera, Kaeser manufactures blowers and refrigeration dryers with approximately 400 employees. All of the products stand out for their energy efficiency (e.g. energy-saving dryers), reliability and long service life. Thanks to a steady stream of innovations, KAESER is able to offer its customers state-of-the-art technologies on an ongoing basis. The expansion will help to maintain and enhance the company's ability to innovate and continue meeting demand in the refrigeration dryer segment. The total investment amounts to approximately 9 million euros.

Kaeser Kompressoren Gera emerged from *Geraer Kompressorenwerke*, originally established in 1877 as *Heinrich Leo Metallwarenfabrik und Eisengiesserei*. In 1890 it became Germany's first manufacturer of compressors and by 1945 was the country's leading producer, with a 70 percent market share. In 1991 the company was acquired by Kaeser Kompressoren.

The compressed air specialist, with its head office in Coburg, in the Upper Franconia district, now employs over 6,000 people in more than 100 countries around the world. The main production sites are in Coburg and Gera.

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