ARGO-HYTOS completes construction work on the new SMART L.E.A.F. filter element factory on schedule



Following the ground-breaking ceremony for the expansion of ARGO-HYTOS on May 29, 2019, construction work was completed on April 30, 2020. After eleven months of construction work, which is on schedule and on budget, installation of the operating equipment can now begin before the official move-in is scheduled for August 2020.

By then, in addition to the warehouse technology and various other operating equipment, the hardware for digitizing the production processes will also have been installed and the new processes will have been tested. SMART L.E.A.F. stands for lean, digital processes for the production of filter elements.

"We are pleased to announce the milestone of construction completion. Particularly against the background of the tension and current uncertainties associated with the CORONA crisis, this building stands for continuity and positive future prospects, thus conveying confidence and security," says Jörg Stech, Managing Director of ARGO-HYTOS at the Kraichtal site, about today's completion.  
  
Christian Kienzle, CEO of the ARGO-HYTOS Group, adds: "We would have liked to celebrate this event a little more extensively together with our employees, but we look forward to making up for this event at a later date and then making it all the more enjoyable".

"The SMART L.E.A.F. filter element factory is an essential part of an overall concept for the further development and digitalization of the Kraichtal-Menzingen site and the prime example of a digital factory for the entire ARGO-HYTOS Group," says Dr. Marcus Fischer, COO of the ARGO-HYTOS Group.

The project will run until 2022 and includes not only extensive investments in the new plant but also in the existing structures.

**ARGO-HYTOS** is a medium-sized group of companies. It develops and produces both standard components and intelligent system solutions for fluid technology with around 1600 employees in six production plants in Germany, the Czech Republic, India, Poland and China. The company has developed into one of the international market leaders, particularly in mobile hydraulics.

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