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COMPANY NEWS

KRONEN expands its solar plant for its production activities in Kehl

The family-run medium-sized company from the Goldscheuer district of the German town of Kehl has firmly integrated sustainability as one of the core values of its corporate philosophy. In line with this focus, the company recently expanded its solar plant. The solar panels are installed on the roof of the production hall, where KRONEN manufactures food machines that are sold all over the globe. The plant was already installed back in 2016 and was expanded this year, namely in August 2022. The expansion enables KRONEN GmbH to meet a substantial proportion of the power requirements for its sites in Kehl-Goldscheuer and Achern itself.

The new additional panels were installed on the roof of the company's building in Kehl in the summer. The building forms part of the KRONEN headquarters, which are home to both its Administration department and the production activities for the food machines that KRONEN manufactures itself and delivers to around 120 countries worldwide. KRONEN GmbH has additionally been running a site in the German town of Achern since 2020. The Achern location is home to its WS Edelstahltechnik division, which works as a supplier of turned and milled components.

“It is important to us to act responsibly, and this is also anchored in our corporate values. For us, it means accepting responsibility, not only in terms of our employees and customers but also for the environment,” states KRONEN's Managing Partner, Stephan Zillgith. “As a company, we place value on contributing to a reduction in CO₂ emissions. Our solar plant, which was installed in 2016 and has now been expanded, enables us to generate 200 kW peak. As a result, we ourselves are able to produce a large amount of the electricity that we consume. At present, this is doubly worthwhile given that the costs for purchased energy are increasing significantly.”

The solar plant is just one aspect of the company's efforts to operate sustainably. It installed its first charging stations in 2018, which can be used to charge both its first electric company car and the electric vehicles of its employees. For KRONEN GmbH, sustainability also means factoring in energy and water consumption and the durability of its machines and systems when developing its own solutions.

About KRONEN GmbH

KRONEN is a family-managed, globally operating producer and supplier of stand-alone machines, special-purpose machines, and high-tech processing facilities for the fresh-cut industry. The product program of KRONEN and its partners covers fruit, vegetable, and salad processing: from preparing, cutting, washing, drying, dewatering, peeling, and sterilizing right through to packaging.

KRONEN additionally offers technical solutions for meat and fish, baked goods, ready meals, dried and frozen products, and pet food.



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The company, which is based in the German town of Kehl am Rhein and has a second production site in the nearby town of Achern, currently employs more than 120 members of staff, has representations in more than 80 countries worldwide, and supplies its products to over 120 nations all over the globe.

With more than 40 years of experience in food technology, KRONEN preserves traditional values such as quality awareness and relies on a sustainable, holistic approach for the hygienic, reliable production of healthy food. KRONEN considers itself to be a think tank that provides innovative solutions to benefit its customers and meet all their needs. It guarantees top-quality advice and planning expertise in close cooperation with the industry and research establishments.

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The new, additional panels of the solar plant installed back in 2016 were added to the roof of the company building in Kehl-Goldscheuer this summer.



Left: Stephan Zillgith, Managing Partner of the company KRONEN GmbH: the qualified engineer (with a German Dipl. Ing (FH) degree) joined the company as its Technical Manager, introducing its next generation. In 2010, Stephan Zillgith joined the management team as a Managing Partner.

Right: KRONEN's Management Board was restructured in 2018: Rudolf Hans Zillgith (center) and Stephan Zillgith (right) welcomed two new managing partners to the Board in the form of Eric LeFebvre and Johannes Günther, both of whom had been working in managerial positions at KRONEN for many years.



The building forms part of the KRONEN headquarters, which are home to both its Administration department and the production activities for the food machines that KRONEN manufactures itself and delivers to around 120 countries worldwide (photo: 2018).



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