

WILBERT Turmkrane GmbH



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WILBERT moves to new tower crane manufacturing facility

After a construction period of nearly 1.5 years WILBERT moves to new premises in Waldlaubersheim, Germany at the end of April. The new factory is conveniently situated very close to the motorway A 61 and just 4 km away from its former headquarters in Warmsroth.

The new 166,000 sq. m plant includes an area of 20,000 sq. m with buildings for steel construction, mechanical engineering, control engineering as well as for the final assembly of the WILBERT tower crane series production. The factory floors are equipped with nine Demag double-girder overhead travelling cranes with a WILBERT crane controller, each with a maximum capacity of 20 tons.

The size of the outside warehouse is 37,000 sq. m. Therefore, enough space is disposable for further extension of the warehouse area or production halls. The outside warehouse is provided with a self-designed gantry crane with clear span of 90 m and up to 20 tons load capacity.

The full-automatic blasting plant and powder coating plant are built on an area of 3,100 sq. m. They are ready to be put into service in August this year. The plant is intended for components with dimensions of up to 14 x 3.5 x 3.5 m and a maximum weight of 20 tons. "Tower cranes with a powder coated finish have a considerably higher quality compared to conventionally coated ones" says manager Franz-Rudolf Wilbert.

WILBERT also starts with its own steel construction. This becomes necessary due to the continuously increasing demand for WILBERT tower cranes. There were no possibilities left to expand the capacity of the steel construction suppliers as most of the capacity was already reserved for WILBERT Turmkrane GmbH. Therefore, the own steel construction serves as an opportunity to build more tower cranes.

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However, Franz-Rudolf Wilbert assumes that only six tower cranes can be manufactured till the end of 2008. Hence, only 10% of the total capacity is utilized. "The potential of our area and machinery is not exhausted for a long time yet. We are desperately looking for suitable employees like locksmiths, welders, lathe and screw machinists. With the right team we succeed in constructing more cranes on our own."

The final assembly can cope with up to 200 tower cranes per year. At first only 60 to 70 WILBERT tower cranes will leave the facility due to the mentioned shortage of staff.

At present WILBERT occupies 110 employees working one shift. But it is planned that the divisions steel construction, mechanical engineering and powder coating work two shifts.

The production of the WILBERT tower cranes will merge seamlessly from Warmsroth to Waldlaubersheim. The first new WILBERT tower crane is expected to leave the new premises in week 18.

WILBERT's current product range includes five topless trolley jib cranes (with a capacity of up to 16 t) and two trolley jib cranes with top (with a capacity of up to 32 t) as well as one luffing jib crane (with a capacity of up to 12 t). Another luffing jib crane is now in the construction phase and two more are planned.

The official inauguration of the new premises is scheduled for September 2008.

About WILBERT Turmkrane GmbH

WILBERT Turmkrane GmbH is a German manufacturer of top-slewing tower cranes. Together with WILBERT Kranservice GmbH, Wilbert serves with the complete spectrum: sales, finance, hire, transport, assembly, disassembly and service. Both companies belong to the WILBERT Group which has launched its business 75 years ago.

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