

Press release

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Higher capacity for refrigerants

Westfalen Group opens plant in Münster-Gelmer

With the opening of a new plant in Münster-Gelmer, the Westfalen Group has expanded its capacities and enlarged its product portfolio with an investment of around 20 million euros. The new filling and logistics site for gases was recently successfully commissioned after 15 months of construction; final construction work on the traffic route has now been completed. Significant parts of the plant's operations, which were previously located at the Münster-Gremmendorf plant, have found a new home here.

The filling and recycling of flammable and non-flammable refrigerants now takes place on the plant site of approx. 100,000 m² near the Dortmund-Ems Canal. In addition to handling hubs for acetylene and liquefied gas, the site also includes a warehouse for technical gases, bundle construction, as well as electrical and central workshops. Safety on the plant site is ensured by automatic fire extinguishing systems, catch basins, special storage facilities for technical gases and underground tanks.

"With the opening of the plant, we have expanded our gas capacities and can now offer our customers a larger product portfolio", says a



delighted Dr Meike Schäffler, member of Westfalen's executive board. "Especially for refrigerants and specialty gases as well as in the area of individually manufactured mixtures we are hereby opening up to new markets." By filling and processing flammable refrigerants, the Westfalen Group is actively promoting the change from classic refrigerants, so-called hydrochlorofluorocarbons, to more climate-friendly - in some cases flammable - alternatives.

Opportunities for urban district development in Münster-Gremmendorf

The relocation of the site has enabled the Westfalen Group to open up the entire Gremmendorf plant area of around 112,000 m² for alternative use, providing new opportunities for the development of this district. The sale to the city of Münster and Vivawest GmbH from Gelsenkirchen will enable the construction of apartments and a secondary school.

The commercial vehicle workshop originally located in Gremmendorf has now moved to a new building at the Hörstel (near Osnabrück) plant. By building the new plant in Münster-Gelmer and in Hörstel, the Westfalen Group now is able to implement sustainable growth and increased production efficiency.

Captions (Photos: Westfalen Group, Münster)

Photo 1: View from above from the storage tank perspective of the new plant in Münster-Gelmer with workshop building, refrigerant store and associated pumping and filling facilities.

Photo 2: View of the new, ergonomically optimized refrigerant charging system at the Münster-Gelmer plant.

About us

The Westfalen Group is an expert in gases, heating and refrigeration and sustainable mobility. For almost 100 years, the family-owned company, founded in 1923, has been ensuring the safe use of gaseous and liquid hazardous substances for its customers. Westfalen's products and services support customers on the road to sustainable progress. Headquartered in Münster, Germany, the company has more than 20 production sites and numerous subsidiaries and affiliates throughout Europe. Its business areas are Industrial Gases & Services, Energy Solutions and Mobility. With around 1,800 employees, the Westfalen Group generated a turnover of around €1.9 billion in fiscal year 2021.

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