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ALPINE lands contract to build stadium in St. Pölten

Austria's most environmentally-friendly football stadium with 8,000 seats and five VIP boxes to be completed by 2012. Net contract value approx. EUR 18,3 million

Salzburg/St. Pölten: Today the contract has been signed for ALPINE to build Austria's most modern 1-tier stadium for 8,000 visitors in St. Pölten. The project has a net contract value of EUR 18,3 Mio. Construction will start, after an ecological audit at the beginning of 2011 with completion scheduled in 2012. "Winning the contract to build the stadium in St. Pölten is an impressive success to prolong ALPINE's impressive list of stadiums built in Austria. We were able to incorporate our extensive know-how in the construction of stadiums and event facilities in the project design, ensuring that the ideas can be implemented," says Karl Gruber, the responsible managing director at ALPINE Bau GmbH, pleased about the further stadium contract.

ALPINE already demonstrated its competence in the construction of stadiums in Austria by building the Wörthersee and Tivoli stadiums and enlarging the Wals-Siezenheim stadium in Salzburg.

The stadium in St. Pölten will have one of the biggest wooden roofs ever designed for a stadium in Europe. Its interesting architectural implementation uses a circular sun as a point of attraction and hallmark for football in St. Pölten while symbolizing a family-friendly, lasting design.

Stadium

The football stadium was designed by the architect, Dr. Stefan Nixdorf, partner of "agn Niederberghaus & Partner GmbH" architects. The wooden roof hovers over a circular landscape comprised of green mounds of earth surrounding the rectangular playing field. Visitors will already be captivated by the stadium's creative and environmentally-friendly design at the entrance as they climb onto the surrounding embankment from where they have a look down into the bowl and the four stands. In addition to 8,000 seats the stadium will also have five VIP boxes and a business club for about 800 guests of honor.

In designing the stadium, special attention was given to a high recreation quality for visitors. A fan shop and daytime café are to encourage people to visit the stadium even when there is no sportive program. The stadium is to become an integral part of the future St. Pölten Sports Park. In addition to an ice sports rink and the Lower Austrian State Sports School, the new stadium is planned to be the center and connecting link to the Ratzersdorfer See recreation center.

"The stadium will primarily be made of wood, making the stadium in St. Pölten the most environmentally-friendly stadium in Austria," explains Josef Rettenwander, the responsible project manager at ALPINE Bau.

Competence in stadium construction

ALPINE has extensive experience in executing large-scale stadium projects, gaining highest competence on a national and international scale in the construction of sports facilities.



ALPINE landed contracts to build for the EURO 2012 stadiums in Danzig, Posen and the National Stadium in Warsaw, Poland in 2009 alone. ALPINE also won the contract to build the stadium in Krakow.

ALPINE earned extensive international acclaim in stadium construction upon building the Allianz Arena in Munich and the Dubai Cricket Stadium, part of the biggest sports center in the world.

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