

Press Release

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Energy-efficient Dornbirn site Zumtobel Group committed to renewable energy

- Largest photovoltaic installation in Vorarlberg
- Installation of 4,500 solar panels
- Energy-saving potential equivalent to annual power consumption of 300 households'
- Reduction of CO₂ emissions by 125 tonnes each year

The lighting company Zumtobel Group is building a photovoltaic system on its site in Dornbirn. It will be the first industrial enterprise to build such a system, which will also be the largest in Vorarlberg to date. The installation comprises 4,500 solar panels with a total output of 1,250 kWp, which will make a sustainable contribution to the site's energy consumption.

Refinancing thanks to energy cost savings

Covering a surface area of approximately 7,500 m², the number of 4,500 solar panels will be installed in a modular design on the rooftops of two production halls in Schweizerstraße. This will enable the facility to cover a significant proportion of its own energy demand in the future. The Zumtobel Group is the first industrial enterprise in Vorarlberg with a photovoltaic system of this size. Over the next 15 years, it will be able to refinance itself thanks to the savings it makes on energy costs. The lighting manufacturer from Vorarlberg will achieve this with the help of contracting company EQ-Systems and its General Manager Andreas Bickel, who is supervising the entire project, from financing and delivery through to installation and maintenance. The plans for the system are the brainchild of Emanuel Gstach, owner of the engineering firm ee-consult, and Alexander Netzer.

"System installation will commence at the beginning of August and is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2018. We are looking forward to carrying out this project at our Dornbirn site, which will allow us to make an active and important contribution to sustainability across the region", says **Markus Kronenwett, Plant Manager at Dornbirn.**

Reduction of CO₂ emissions

Apart from reducing the site's energy consumption, the new photovoltaic system will also reduce annual CO₂ emissions by 125 tonnes. This translates to roughly 1.32 million kilometres driven by car or 33 circumnavigations of the Earth. With this, the Zumtobel Group is not only promoting sustainable energy conservation but also contributing to the state of Vorarlberg's long-term energy autonomy 2050 plan.

"The installation of a photovoltaic system on our premises is a clear commitment to the sustainable use of energy. Thanks to the installation, we will be able to generate 1,155 MWh of energy for our own needs. This is roughly equivalent to the average annual consumption of 300 households," says **Uwe Baireder, Head of Operating Technology at the Zumtobel Group.**

Zumtobel Group – ÖKOPROFIT® business

In May 2018, for the twenty-fourth time running the Zumtobel Group was awarded the ÖKOPROFIT® environmental certification for its environmentally-friendly manufacturing procedures at the Dornbirn site. This underlines the company's ongoing commitment to making an active contribution to regional sustainability. With its new photovoltaic system, the Zumtobel Group is setting an example yet again and reaffirming its dedication to the Dornbirn site.



Plant Manager Markus Kronenwett (second from the right) with the project team above the rooftops of the production halls in Schweizerstraße.

Information

This press release and the accompanying high-resolution images can be downloaded at:
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About the Zumtobel Group:

The Zumtobel Group is an international lighting group and a leading supplier of innovative lighting solutions, lighting components and associated services. With its brands, Thorn, Tridonic and Zumtobel, as well as acdc, ThornEco, and Zumtobel Group Services (ZGS), the Group offers its customers around the world a comprehensive portfolio of products and services. The Group's know-how about the effects of light on people, acquired over decades, forms the basis for the development of innovations and for accessing new fields of business. In the lighting business, the Group with its Thorn, Zumtobel and acdc brands is the European market leader. The ThornEco brand serves the electrical wholesale sector with a tailored portfolio of products. Through its lighting components brand, Tridonic, the Zumtobel Group plays a leading role worldwide in the manufacture of hardware and software for lighting systems (LED light sources and LED drivers, sensors and lighting management). Zumtobel Group Services offers one of the most comprehensive service offerings in the entire lighting industry, including consultation on smart lighting controls and emergency lighting systems, light contracting, design services and project management of turnkey lighting solutions, as well as new, data-based services focused on delivering connectivity for buildings and municipalities via the lighting infrastructure. The Group is listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange (ATX Prime) and on the balance sheet date (April 30, 2018) employed a workforce of 6,224 employees. In the 2017/18 financial year, the Group posted revenues of EUR 1,196.5 million. The Zumtobel Group is based in Dornbirn in the Vorarlberg region of Austria. For further information, please visit <http://www.zumtobelgroup.com/en>