

Press release

Infineon Villach: Shell for new chip factory completed

Villach, May 14, 2020 - The shell of the new, fully automated chip factory at the Infineon Villach site was completed as scheduled one year after construction began, despite restrictions due to the Corona pandemic. Infineon is investing a total of 1.6 billion euros in the site, making it the largest private investment in Austria.

Thomas Reisinger, Chief Operations Officer at Infineon Austria: "With the shell and the roof being levelled, an important step has been taken and the factory is now being 'breathed life' into. The expansion at the Villach site is a long-term investment, even though the current development of the global economy is slowed down. If demand increases, you have to be prepared quickly in the semiconductor market. We will then have the additional capacities."

Completion of the building shell in challenging times

With a total building area of 60,000m², the chip factory is 120 metres long, 110 metres wide and 35 metres high. Up to 350 construction workers were involved in the shell construction up to the level of the roof. Despite the limited construction activity due to the corona pandemic, work could and can be continued in good cooperation with the construction companies and in compliance with all safety measures necessary to protect health. In some areas, interior work has already been carried out in parallel, which will now be extended to the entire construction. The commissioning of the first supply systems for the clean room is currently starting. Here the focus is on the use of sustainable technologies: In the supply of cold and heat alone, measures such as intelligent heat recycling can in future save around 30,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year during operation.

Production start planned end of 2021

Power semiconductors will then be produced there fully automatically on 300-millimetre thin wafers. These so-called energy-saving chips are used in many everyday applications such as smartphones, household appliances and cars, but also in data servers, medical devices, solar and industrial systems. Of the 400 additional highly qualified jobs required in the new chip factory, around 40 percent were staffed last fiscal year.

At a glance - facts about the new chip factory of Infineon in Villach

Total building area	60.000 m ²
Height	35 metres
Length, width	Length 120 metres, width 110 metres
Additional jobs (mainly maintenance, process engineers, IT)	400 (around 40 percent already staffed)
Planned production start	End of 2021
Products	Power electronics (energy-saving chips)

About Infineon Austria

Infineon Technologies Austria AG is a group subsidiary of Infineon Technologies AG, a world-leading provider of semiconductor solutions that make life easier, safer and greener. Microelectronics from Infineon reduce the energy consumption of consumer electronics, domestic appliances and industrial facilities. They make a major contribution to the convenience, security and sustainability of vehicles, and enable secure transactions in the Internet of Things.

Besides Germany, Infineon Austria is the only subsidiary within the group that pools competencies for research and development, production as well as global business responsibility. The head office is in Villach, with further branches in Graz, Klagenfurt, Linz and Vienna. With 4,609 employees from around 68 countries (including 1,977 in research and development), in the financial year 2019 (ending in September) the company achieved a turnover of € 3.1 billion. An R&D expense rate of €425 million makes Infineon Austria to one of the strongest industrial research companies in Austria.

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