

## News Release

### The Industry 4.0 vision becomes a reality: Groundbreaking for the expansion in Villach

*Construction on the new building complex for research, development and production at Infineon in Villach has officially begun. "Pilot Space Industry 4.0" will realize an innovative manufacturing concept at the site that is unique in all of Austria.*

September 30th marked the official kickoff of the Infineon Villach expansion. With the groundbreaking for the new building complex IFAT has passed yet another milestone on the way to permanent reinforcement of research, development and production at the site. The beginning of construction was marked with a celebration attended by Infineon Austria Management Board members Sabine Herlitschka, Oliver Heinrich and Thomas Reisinger together with prominent guests such as Carinthian Deputy Governor Gaby Schaunig, Infineon CEO Reinhard Ploss, Villach's mayor Helmut Manzenreiter, Infineon President of Operations Peter Schiefer and the Fraunhofer Austria Research Managing Director Wilfried Sihn.

A highly modern building complex for research, production and measurement technology workstations is being erected in Villach. The necessary investments and additional research expenditures will amount to a total of 290 million Euros by 2017.

Sabine Herlitschka sees in the construction a natural continuation of IFAT's course as an Austrian corporate innovation leader: "The planned R&D activities for materials, processes, technologies and system expertise will create 200 additional jobs for the region and will sharpen our profile as a knowledge center. The pilot space 'Industry 4.0' innovation factory is our contribution to reinforcing the competitive strength of Europe as a production location."

#### Model operation for Industry 4.0

In the "Pilot Space Industry 4.0" project Infineon is realizing a unique concept for the intelligent factory in Villach. Plans foresee highly flexible production operations

in which automated manufacturing systems and digital information technologies are linked with one another. The products manufactured in the system organize the production process in part by themselves and can be localized at any point along the entire value creation chain.

### **Opportunities for the region**

This investment by Infineon Austria, in close collaboration between the corporation, the city of Villach, the province of Carinthia, the Republic of Austria and European institutions, creates permanent future opportunities for the continuing development of the high-tech region in southern Austria.

### **Figures on the building complex construction:**

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| • Floor space under construction | 5,113 m <sup>2</sup>  |
| • Total gross square footage     | 17,056 m <sup>2</sup> |
| • Office workstations            | approximately 300     |

Completion of the building complex is planned for fall 2015.