



Press release

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ThyssenKrupp decides to build winning design

New building project in Essen designed by Chaix & Morel et Associés, Paris / JSWD Architekten und Planer, Cologne

After swift negotiations, the ThyssenKrupp Group has decided to implement the design of Chaix & Morel et Associés, Paris / JSWD Architekten und Planer, Cologne. A contract has been signed in Essen.

This design for the ThyssenKrupp Quarter in Essen won first prize in the open international architectural competition held by ThyssenKrupp last year.

Chaired by Kaspar Kraemer, President of the Association of German Architects (BDA), the panel of high-caliber judges unanimously selected the overall winner. The panel was made up of representatives of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, the municipality of Essen, internationally renowned experts and representatives of ThyssenKrupp AG.

In its assessment of the design by Chaix & Morel et Associés, Paris / JSWD Architekten und Planer, the panel comments: "The outstanding interior and exterior qualities, which are based on the urban planning of the design, raise it well above the standard of the other works.... The staggering of the built-up and non-built-up areas is recognized as a major quality which will permit integration of all building locations on the campus with their direct free spaces as well as with the central boulevard ... A familiar urban structure is given its own address as an urban experience space by the generous water axis and the building for the ThyssenKrupp headquarters. The ensemble, through the distinctive form of the headquarters, will be a landmark of appropriate scale in the center – as a reflection and expression of ThyssenKrupp. In summary, this design has the necessary strengths to form the basis of an outstanding architectural scheme symbolizing the innovativeness of a global player."

The unusual and ambitious project is based on a demanding timetable. The first phase of construction is scheduled for completion at the end of 2008 and the second phase for autumn 2010. The implementation planning will therefore begin in early 2007.

In the first phase of construction the ThyssenKrupp Headquarters and ThyssenKrupp Academy will be built. The second phase comprises the segment holding companies and operating units.



ThyssenKrupp AG is planning and building this ThyssenKrupp Quarter in Essen on an inner-city site measuring over 20 hectares. The ThyssenKrupp Quarter will provide workspace for more than 2,000 employees and will include both the new ThyssenKrupp Headquarters and further office and administrative buildings of the Group. In addition, the plans include a multi-functional facility featuring the ThyssenKrupp Academy and a conference center, a hotel and further amenities with a total gross floor area of around 100,000m². The ThyssenKrupp Academy is a major part of the ThyssenKrupp Quarter. As a training and communications center it will provide further education for the roughly 2,500 top executives of the Group worldwide, with the support of recognized universities.

To allow not only employees but also the general public to see the full range of entries in the architectural competition, ThyssenKrupp organized an exhibition at the Zollverein School of Management and Design which ended just before Christmas.

By popular demand this exhibition of all works, models and designs entered in the first and second phases of the competition can be viewed on the internet at the following address: www.thyssenkrupp-competition.com.

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