Purpose Built Factory

AHP Merkle GmbH, the supplier of high-quality hydraulic cylinders, has recently moved into a purpose built facility - a 7.5 million Euro investment in Gottweihen. The new facility is important to the company's future growth as it brings together all of its production, development and office functions into a single building.

AHP Merkle's CEO, Christen Merkle, commented: "This was one of our key objectives. The new facility enables us to increase our capacity as a response to increasing customer demands of our products."

With over 3,200m² dedicated purely to production, AHP Merkle is now able to further develop its product range of standard or customer bespoke hydraulic cylinder solutions - the company can supply hydraulic cylinders with stroke lengths up to several metres.

Aside from the light and airy, modern industrial construction, designed by the planning firm Carré GmbH, the facility is also energy efficient and ecologically aware - it features pellet heating and a 2,000m² photovoltaic system on the roof. This ecological awareness is important as the building is situated in the heart of the Black Forest.

Company founder, Gerhard Merkle, said: "In a difficult year for the world economy in 2009 we made the decision to protect our future strategy by a visible symbol of strength."

All AHP Merkle's products are available in the UK through Cytec Systems UK Ltd.