

Fastbolt's logistics extension progresses

Following the long-term strategy to systematically enlarge the product range Fastbolt GmbH, based in Gronau, Germany, has entered the next phase of its warehouse extension.

Construction of the warehouse extension started in late January 2016 after the acquisition of additional land behind the current warehouse. Fastbolt plans to extend the existing racking of the warehouse over the entire width of the building, which will result in adding approximately 50% storage capacity bringing it up to 20,000 pallet locations in total.

This will enable Fastbolt to bring stock currently stored externally into its own warehouse and will still leave space to grow in volume and range in the near future. In addition, further material handling and packing space will be generated as well as a new 3-floor logistics office building positioned inside the warehouse.

"This extension is really very important to us," says Ekkehard Beermann, managing director at Fastbolt Group. "Increasing volume and enlarging stock range is becoming a problem if the infrastructure does not grow accordingly. Permanently keeping 2,000 – 3,000 pallets in an external warehouse is – apart

from its cost implications – a huge problem for efficiency and customer service. Besides that the extra handling space will enable us to reorganise our entire intralogistics and to optimise our material flow. We are all very excited."

Fastbolt expects completion of all construction works by the end of August.

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Welcome to Peter!

We are pleased to welcome Peter Townsend as the newest member of the Fastener + Fixing Magazine team.



Peter is our new advertising manager and is replacing Harry Whyte, who has moved onto new challenges – with our best wishes. Peter is currently getting to grips with the fastener industry (now there is a challenge) and will be responsible for the European market.

Originally from Sheffield, UK, Peter studied German studies at Portsmouth University before moving to Munich 30 years ago where he has lived ever since. Fluent in German and English, and with a basic knowledge of French, Peter joins us with a background in online and publication sales within the IT, chemical and pharmaceutical industries.

Peter has held a number of international sales roles within publishing including at Frankfurt-based G.I.T Publishing and International Data Group.

"I'm looking forward to joining the team at Fastener + Fixing Magazine and learning more about the fastener industry as a whole," comments Peter. "Being based in Munich means I'll be looking to visit as many companies as I can and I am looking forward to meeting everybody."

If you haven't already spoken to Peter you can expect a call in the coming weeks!

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ARMA starts production at new facility

ARMA CLAMPS & CLIPS, a growing Turkish manufacturer of clamps, clips and special fasteners, has started manufacturing at its new production facility in Hadimköy, Istanbul.

Founded in 1980, ARMA CLAMPS & CLIPS produces automotive and home appliance fasteners at its 1,500m² site in the Ikitelli Organized Industrial Zone. To meet growing demand the company established a new 7,000m² facility in Hadimköy, which is 25km away from its current facility and 30km away from Ataturk International Airport.

ARMA CLAMPS & CLIPS manufactures pipe and hose clamps, rubber lined clamps, exhaust clamps, metal clips, metal brackets, metal components and caged nuts. The company points out that it is a solution partner for every stage of process from part design to delivery. In parallel, it can respond quickly to special customer needs with a strong R&D team, mass production technology and tooling department in-house.

ARMA CLAMPS & CLIPS exports to more than 20 countries all over the world. Products are used for automotive, home appliance, agriculture, marine, construction, machinery, fluid systems, hydraulic and pneumatic systems, petrochemicals, air conditioning, as well as generator and radiator industry applications.