

“Norbert-Rethmann-Platz” in Selm officially inaugurated

Selm, 16 September 2019 – The SARIA Group officially opened its new headquarters building at the weekend, which is also home to the RETHMANN Group. The newly designed square in front of the building bears the name of Norbert Rethmann, who was Chairman of the Management Board and Supervisory Board for many years and is now Honorary Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the RETHMANN Group. The ceremony was attended by Mayor Mario Löhr as well as members of the supervisory and management boards of the RETHMANN divisions.

With effect from last Saturday, the newly constructed square in front of the administration building at Werner Strasse 95 is officially called “Norbert-Rethmann-Platz”. The headquarters of the family-owned RETHMANN Group has been located here for decades. The group consists of four divisions: REMONDIS (based in Lünen), Rhenus (based in Holzwickede), Transdev (based in Paris), and SARIA, whose head office remains located on Werner Strasse. At the same time, the new HQ building was inaugurated following enlargement and modernisation work. The original headquarters was constructed and opened in 1983 but soon became too small, leading to the addition of an extension just five years later. The latest building work commenced in 2017, with the existing wings being refurbished and another wing added.

In his speech, Mayor Mario Löhr emphasised the close ties between Norbert Rethmann – and the entire corporate group – and Selm. “Social responsibility has always been a key priority for you, and you have never forgotten your home town, as evidenced by your gift of Botzlar Castle, one of our most important landmarks. After already making you an honorary citizen in 2015 in recognition of your commitment to Selm, I am pleased to present you today with the street sign for Norbert-Rethmann-Platz on behalf of Selm City Council,” said Mayor Löhr.

A clearly moved Norbert Rethmann warmly thanked all those involved: “I am extremely grateful to be honoured in this way. Selm is my home, and although my wife and I now spend most of our time in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, and I also travel a lot, we have never lost our attachment to Selm and the wider region. Knowing that this feeling is reciprocated means a great deal to me.”

The opening ceremony of the upgraded and extended headquarters building and the inauguration of the square took place in the presence of close family and colleagues. There was also the opportunity to take a tour of the new premises as part of the event.

During the inauguration of the square, tribute was paid to the life's work of the Honorary Chairman of the Supervisory Board. Norbert Rethmann joined his father's company in Selm in 1960. Today, the family business has operations in more than 60 countries, employs 78,000 people across the REMONDIS, Rhenus and SARIA divisions and has a turnover of EUR 15.4 billion. In addition, the Transdev Group – in which the RETHMANN Group holds a 34% share – generates annual sales of EUR 6.9 billion and employs some 82,000 people. "I am delighted and deeply grateful for the support of my wife, my sons and the incredibly committed employees who have worked so hard to make our corporate group what it is today," said Norbert Rethmann.



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