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Liebherr plant in Ehingen expands automation with Jungheinrich

- **Conversion and expansion of existing order-picking workstations for increased capacity and efficiency**
- **Six highly automated goods-to-person service centres for optimised production supply**
- **Comprehensive solution from a single source – covering the conveyor system to the warehouse management system**

With the modernisation and expansion of its automated logistics system, the Liebherr plant in Ehingen is strengthening the performance of its global spare parts logistics and creating additional reserves for crane production in the years ahead. As a general contractor, Jungheinrich delivers an integrated solution that sustainably increases capacity, ergonomics and process reliability.

Hamburg/Ehingen – Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH, a leading global manufacturer of mobile and crawler cranes, has commissioned Jungheinrich to expand its automated logistics system at its Ehingen site. The project involves the conversion of the two existing order-picking workstations and the integration of four additional goods-to-person service centre (GSC) workstations. The stations ensure automatic provisioning of containers and pallets with short access times and an ergonomic operating environment with process reliability – all of which are crucial for efficient material supply in crane production.

Greater capacity for the global supply of spare parts

With this expansion, Liebherr is responding to increasing performance requirements and market growth. The new workstations will be seamlessly integrated into the existing pallet and container conveyor system. With a system capacity of up to 120 pallets per hour per line, the company is laying the foundation for an efficient and future-proof material flow.

“The expansion of our automated logistics system is an important step towards securing long-term delivery performance for our spare parts,” explained Mario Allesch, Head of Spare Parts Logistics and Shipping at Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH. “Flexibility, high process reliability and ergonomically optimised workflows are key requirements for our material handling equipment. Jungheinrich fulfils these requirements thanks to its high level of technical expertise and many years of experience.”

Integrated solution from a single source

Jungheinrich assumes the role of general contractor in the implementation of the entire project – from the mechanical expansion and integration of the conveyor systems to complete software integration of the expansion into the existing Jungheinrich WMS. In addition, the virtual, digital test environment available to the customer will be adapted to facilitate realistic testing of the plant expansion in advance and ensure a smooth transition to operation.

“Integrating new workstations into an existing plant poses particular challenges in terms of planning and implementation,” said Sven Christ, Technical Project Manager at Jungheinrich. “The expansion will provide Liebherr with additional capacity as well as maximum future security. Seamless integration into the existing system landscape ensures stable, consistent operation.”

The decision to choose Jungheinrich is based on a long-standing and successful collaboration. The decisive factors were the swift and precise design of the solution, the proactive identification of further optimisation potential, and the company’s comprehensive technical expertise. The project builds on the ongoing development of the intralogistics infrastructure at the Ehingen site and further strengthens the partnership between the two companies. The expanded plant is scheduled to go into operation in the second quarter of 2026.



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