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Riverside Zuchwil

Switzerland's most powerful photovoltaics facility

The new photovoltaics facility located at the Riverside Zuchwil Site, with total output of 5 764 kilowatts peak (kWp), started up operations at the end of September 2015. Hence, Zuchwil currently boasts the most powerful rooftop photovoltaics system in Switzerland, which constitutes another example of Swiss Prime Site's sustainability-relevant strategy.

The photovoltaics facility situated on the roof of the production hall at the Riverside Zuchwil Site spans an area of 36 000 square metres, corresponding to approximately five football fields. Total power output of all the modules amounts to 5 764 kilowatts peak (kWp). The electricity generated by the facility should supply the annual energy demand of 2 726 people or 1 027 single-family homes with four inhabitants. CO₂ emissions savings amount to around 595 tonnes per annum, which is equivalent to the CO₂ emissions of a new automobile driven around the world 104 times. The rooftop photovoltaics facility commenced operations at the end of September 2015 and is the most powerful of its kind in all of Switzerland.

Collaboration with regional partners

Swiss Prime Site constructed the facility in collaboration with regional partners such as Helion Solar AG in Luterbach and steel construction company Senn AG in Oftringen as well as Alpiq InTec West AG and Kämpfer + Co. AG in Herzogenbuchsee. Zuchwil's Mayor Stefan Hug is delighted by the construction process carried out in cooperation with local firms: "Swiss Prime Site has once again proven its regional solidarity. Installation of a high-performance photovoltaics system for generating environmentally friendly energy underpins Zuchwil's label as energy-relevant community and represents a commitment to preserving the factories, while also contributing to securing valuable jobs." Swiss Prime Site developed the unique photovoltaics facility with the engineering specialists from Implenia as well as Schnetzer Puskas Ingenieure AG in Basel. The intensive collaboration with m. hauri real estate management services in Feldbrunnen, the community of Zuchwil and AEK Energie AG Solothurn was successful in every aspect.

Positive experience favours future projects

The first photovoltaics facility in Swiss Prime Site's portfolio was constructed on the roof of the La Praille shopping centre in Geneva at the end of 2012, with total output of 184 kWp. In light of the very favourable results, the system was expanded by an additional 52 kWp this year. The positive experience with photovoltaics has prompted Swiss Prime Site to subject its entire portfolio to review of suitability for installing additional facilities. The rooftop of the production hall at the Riverside Zuchwil Site is indeed imposing, particularly in terms of its dimension as future "sunroof."

Riverside Zuchwil Site in Swiss Prime Investment Foundation portfolio

The Riverside Zuchwil Site now belongs to the Swiss Prime Investment Foundation «SPIF Real Estate Switzerland» portfolio as at from 1 December 2015. The Swiss Prime Investment Foundation, established by Swiss Prime Site, was launched in the summer of 2015, offering second-pillar pension schemes (i.e. occupational pension plans) domiciled in Switzerland an attractive investment spectrum for Swiss properties. The «SPIF Real Estate Switzerland» investment group focuses its investment strategy on residential real estate in Switzerland. The portfolio can be supplemented with commercial properties and real estate projects too. At the same time, investors reap benefits from Swiss Prime Site AG's long-term track record as the number one real estate investment company.

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