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Laying the foundation stone for the new Swiss Post headquarters

Berne, 26 September 2012 – The foundation stone was laid on Wednesday for the new Swiss Post headquarters located in Berne's up-an-coming quarter of WankdorfCity. Representatives from Swiss Prime Site AG, the city of Berne, Losinger Marazzi AG and Swiss Post attended the ceremony, paying tribute to the large-scale real estate development project. The new building will house roughly 1 800 workplaces and should be ready for occupancy in November 2014.

The laying of the foundation stone ceremony took place today at 11:00 at Wankdorfallee in Berne for yet another new building development project in Berne's up-an-coming quarter of WankdorfCity. Following its completion in November 2014, the future Swiss Post headquarters will comprise rental floor space totalling roughly 33 700 square metres for around 1 800 workspaces. "We are proud that we could construct another corporate building for Swiss Post again in the wake of the PostFinance Arena office complex that opened in 2009", declares Peter Lehmann, Chief Investment Officer of Swiss Prime Site AG. The real estate project fulfils all the prerequisites for a first-class investment: from the quality of the location and the economic efficiency to the sustainability aspects and credit rating of the tenant. Berne's WankdorfCity is a quarter that is on the verge of becoming the focus of extraordinarily dynamic real estate development, similar to Zurich West during its time. Indeed, the project will pay off for all those who believe in the potential of this quarter and are now stepping up to the plate, according to Mr. Lehmann's forecasts.

Real estate investment company Swiss Prime Site is investing around CHF 144 million in the new eight-storey building, which is destined for certification from the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB) for the prestigious "Gold" quality seal of approval as well as from the Swiss Sustainable Building Council (SGNI), among others. The property is located in close proximity to the Berne Wankdorf railway station and is therefore easily accessible from any direction via S-Bahn, bus and tram, and also via bike or car. The building houses 170 automobile parking places and 450 spaces for bicycles in the subterranean levels. The offices will be illuminated with an abundance of natural daylight thanks to the three atriums that are connected by the reception area.

Berne's Mayor Alexander Tschäppät stated in his welcoming speech: "This is the kind of urban development that I've been wishing for. On the one hand, Wankdorf, as the focal point of the development project, is a location and generator for new, qualified jobs; and on the other, it is a residential quarter marked by a high standard of living. And the area is ideally connected to the public transportation system as well." Indeed, the decision on the part of Swiss Post to choose this location is a commitment to Berne as well as an advantage for both sides, according to Mr. Tschäppät.

Jacky Gillmann, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Losinger Marazzi AG, declares: "The new Swiss Post headquarters building is the outcome of a multi-year development process that could have only succeeded through healthy ambition, perseverance and active involve-



ment on the part of all the partners." Mr. Gillmann underscores the fact that the 131-metre-long new building not only meets state-of-the-art architectural requisites, but also sets totally new standards with the planned DGNB "Gold" certification and in terms of sustainability as well.

Susanne Ruoff, Chief Executive Officer of Swiss Post, has expressed her delight regarding the impending building project: "A new headquarters building is emerging in Berne's booming WankdorfCity quarter for the benefit of the employees of Swiss Post. In terms of exterior design, we are striving for the highest sustainability standards, installing photovoltaic cells on the building's roof and intelligently organizing employee mobility. We are looking forward to working in a hospitable atmosphere illuminated by light, providing the people who will call this place their 'home away from home' with a productive working environment."

Swiss Post headquarters: Key data

Address	Wankdorfallee 4, 3014 Berne
Construction period	May 2012 to November 2014
Number of storeys	8 storeys + 2 subterranean levels
Height	29 metres
Property area	5 244 square metres
Grantor of the land lease	Municipality of Berne
Total investment costs	approx. CHF 144 million
Construction volume	approx. 163 000 cubic metres
Rental floor space	approx. 33 700 square metres
Parking	170 automobile parking places, 450 spaces for bicycles
Architect	Atelier WW Architects SIA AG, Zurich
Investor	Swiss Prime Site AG, Olten
Certification targets	DGNB (German Sustainable Building Council), SGNI (Swiss Sustainable Building Council)
Project developer and total services contractor	Losinger Marazzi AG, Köniz
Photo material/visualisation	You can find photo material starting from 14:00 at www.swiss-prime-site.ch/d/bilder.php

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