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Gabriel visits Bikar-Metalle

Company builds two new plant halls in Thuringia Federal Minister of Economics visits construction site at location in Thuringia. - 17,000 square meters of floor space, around 30 new jobs.



Korbußen / Raumland. (vö) Big station at the Bikar company: The Wittgenstein-based metal specialist is expecting Federal Minister of Economics Sigmar Gabriel to visit the company site in Thuringia on Friday, August 8. As part of an (election campaign) trip through Thuringia - the state parliamentary elections take place in September - he has announced his visit there together with the SPD's top candidate Heike Taubert. The Vice Chancellor has scheduled around 90 minutes in Korbußen, where Bikar-Metalle built a production facility years ago directly on the A4 motorway. The current project of the company, which was founded in Bad Berleburg in 1962, is the construction of two new factory buildings by Bikar Plate Production. The usable floor space is around 17,000 square meters. If the schedule at the construction site is adhered to, Claudia and Pascal Bikar will already be able to present the first side walls of the new halls to the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy. At the same time, however, the enormous aluminum plates, the basic material for the precision aluminum plates from Bikar, would be available.

As things stand today, it is planned that production will start in the new halls directly on the A4 motorway as early as winter. Fixed components of the mill. investment are a high-bay warehouse and a state-of-the-art sawing center. Ideally, the material is lifted from the warehouse directly onto the saw blade. Bikar relies on innovative technology and a high degree of automation to stay ahead in the highly competitive market. Bikar-Metalle employs 200 people at its headquarters in Raumland and a further 50 at the Korbußen site. The opening of the two new plants is expected to create around 30 new jobs.

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