
BITO is proud to present Europe's most modern racking plant

Storage and order picking specialist BITO grows considerably in 2007

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- **number of employees grows by 10 %**
- **16 million EUR invested into Europe's most modern plant for heavy duty racking**

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Last year's strong growth of BITO-Lagertechnik Bittmann GmbH in Meisenheim, Germany, reads like this: in 2007, the company turnover increased by 25 % compared to the previous year and reached 125 million EUR. The export share is more than 50 %. In the same period, the number of employees increased by more than 10 %. This specialist supplier of storage and workshop equipment as well as order picking systems provided 60 new jobs during the year and presently employs 700 people in two plants in Germany and in 14 subsidiaries in Western and Eastern Europe. At their Meisenheim headquarters, BITO have invested 16 million EUR into Europe's most modern plant for heavy duty racking.

The family owned company provides professional qualification courses to 6 % of their staff and presently employs 34 apprentices and trainees who are trained in 13 professions. Among the range of training options are three academic degrees which can be obtained in a dual system of practical work at BITO and academic studies within a "co-op program" at Mannheim University. To widen its trainee education, BITO regularly offers exchange stays at their foreign subsidiaries. "In order to ensure that there is no cut-off in the line of new apprentices and trainees, we regularly have open house days in cooperation with schools in our region, we organise visits to trade fairs and also offer taster days or weeks", says Ganz. Last year, BITO received an award for human resources development from the Chamber of Industry and Commerce.



BITO makes substantial investments into their German based headquarters in Meisenheim. The most modern production facility for heavy duty racking in Europe covers an area of some 10 000 square metres; investments amounted to 16 million EUR. More than 30 000 tonnes of steel a year will be processed at this location.

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