**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Modern Workplaces for a Sustainable Future**

**With the construction of a new administrative building, medium-sized family business JULABO relies on regional solidarity and a forward-looking expansion of its main location in Seelbach.**

JULABO has been on a strong growth path for several years. To be able to keep pace with this growth organizationally and structurally, the company is relying on the strategic expansion of its location in Seelbach. When JULABO started with the construction of the new sustainable administrative building in its anniversary year 2017, the medium-sized family business invested in a modern working environment of the future. After a construction period of around one and a half years, a large part of the commercial workforce was able to move to their new workplaces in December 2018.

The spacious reception area with integrated bistro corner, room-high video wall, and connected customer center is the heart of the new building. Two flexible meeting rooms equipped with high-end multimedia technology are available for meetings as well as large seminars. The open-plan offices on the first and second floors are barrier-free and meet all the requirements of sophisticated and modern workplaces.

Planning and construction of the new administrative building strongly focused on sustainability. The four-story new building replaces the old, two-story building so that the available space can be used more efficiently. Thanks to the integrated combined heat and power plant and a photovoltaic system, the modern complex meets the highest energy standards. In addition, so-called >thermal component activation<, which uses the building mass for temperature control, is used for air conditioning.

At the same time, various reconstruction measures are currently taking place in the production area at JULABO. These are going to improve the workplaces of production employees and optimize the production process overall. “The demands of our worldwide customers are continually increasing. As a premium supplier of innovative temperature control technology, we focus on the quality and delivery time of existing products as well as

pioneering new developments. We can only achieve that by providing ideal working conditions for all employees,” says Managing Director Markus Juchheim. “Thanks to the already implemented and planned construction measures at our main location in Seelbach, we are optimally prepared for all future challenges.”

Last Friday, architect Lioba Keienburg symbolically handed the building over to General Manager Markus Juchheim at a small opening ceremony. She was proud to have successfully completed this “mammoth project” together with all participants. The also present mayor of Seelbach, Thomas Schäfer, praised the decades of trusting cooperation of the community with JULABO and spoke of a great “win-win situation.” Schäfer summarized his personal opinion of the new administration with apt words: “For me, this is an architecture that points to the future.”

**Facts and figures about the new administrative building**

* Four floors
* 1,220 sqm of usable area / old building: 383 sqm of usable space
* Barrier-free workplaces in modern open-plan offices on two floors
* About 18 months construction time
* Cost at about 4 million Euro

**Building qualities regarding the sustainability criteria of the DGNB (German Association for Sustainable Building)**

* Reduction of land use and urban sprawl through efficient use of already built-up areas (dismantling of the 2-story building, replaced by new 4-story building)
* Flexibility and reusability of the building through generous ceiling height and flexible floor plan division
* Light-flooded rooms thanks to large glass surfaces
* Use of low-emission building materials, controlled by certified planners for healthy-living room air
* Modern open-plan offices with areas for retreat and communication
* KfW 55 standard of the building with CHP and PV system for own use, as well as component activation and air conditioning of the rooms meet the highest energy standard
* Open and welcoming reception
* Roof terraces and green open spaces
* Metal fabric facade underlines the high quality and expressiveness of the building
* Contribution to the promotion of the attractiveness of the location
* Reflection of the creativity and innovation of the company

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Photo 1: New administrative building

Photo 2: Group picture, from the left: Ralf Wurth (JULABO),Thomas Schäfer   
Mayor of Seelbach, Clemens Munz (JULABO), Martin Isenmann   
(JULABO), Mark Bitterwolf (JULABO), Architects Lioba and Wolfgang   
Keienburg, JULABO General Manager Markus Juchheim, and his wife   
Jennifer Juchheim as well as Christian Vögele (JULABO).

Photo 3: Seminar room with high-end multimedia technology

Photo 4: Reception area with integrated bistro corner

Photo 5: Spacious reception area

Photo 6: Barrier-free, modern workplaces

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