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Giant chandelier from Austria for mosque in Nizwa

Kny Design delivers chandelier for new mosque in the city of Nizwa (Oman)

(Ramingdorf, 9 March 2015) A further decorative masterpiece, delivered by Kny Design in the Sultanate of Oman, is also the largest they have ever produced and one of the three largest chandeliers worldwide. “For us, this is proof of the client’s recognition of our hard work, fine craftsmanship and focus on innovation,“ reports CEO Haraly Kny. “We are very happy that we were given the honour to furnish the Sultan Qaboos Mosque in Nizwa with our inimitable chandelier.” The approximately 12 meter high new central chandelier for the mosque in the city of Nizwa was completed after six months construction time in the factory in the Lower Austrian town of Ramingdorf. In mid March, it will be carefully packed into containers and then embark on its voyage to Nizwa by rail and sea. The oasis town of Nizwa lies in the middle of the Oman heartland on the southern edge of the Hajar Mountains, approximately 180 km from Muscat, the capital city of the Sultanate of Oman.

The installation of the Austrian giant chandelier on site will also be supervised by experts from Kny Design, and will take approximately one month to complete. The extremely complex shapes and forms of the chandelier were made possible by specially developed, in-house casting technologies and unique lighting design. This is yet another area in which the Austrian family-owned company is a technology leader. The size of the order for the collosal chandelier amounts to about 750,000 Euro.

Chandelier specifications

Total weight: 10,100 kg

Diameter: 5.0 m

Body height: 11.8 m

Special suspension: 19.0 m

Height including suspension: 31.0 m

Light output: 1,200 halogen high-voltage units a 48 W = 57,600 Watt

More than 79,000 cyrstals are illuminated

Construction time: 6 months

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High-tech niche player in its third generation

Harald Kny is now the third generation managing the family business located in Ramingdorf, Lower Austria, currently with around 50 employees. The company Kny Design, founded in 1956, specializes in providing innovative solutions for lighting design – from classic chandeliers to glass facades and light sculptures made of metal. Kny Design has an annual turnover of almost six million euro and an export rate of 70 percent – the main export markets being Germany, the Arab world, Russia, China and India. The Austrian specialist provider develops innovative lighting solutions not only for sacred buildings such as churches and mosques, but also for public buildings and conference centres as well as casinos, ships or hotels.

“Many people ask me how it is possible to produce such highly specialized high-tech products in the so called “backwoods”, reports CEO Harald Kny. “My response: first of all Austria is by no means an economic backwoods on a global scale, and secondly, especially rural areas promote two fundamental attitudes: a focus on people and sustainable business management.” For Harald Kny this means careful use of resources and environmentally friendly production, as well as focussing on social responsibility and economic success.

“With clients all over the world - from the Arab region, to Russia, China and India – it is important to be able to recognise and take advantage of the strengths and differences of different cultures,” says Harald Kny about the complexity and potential of his business.

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Picture description: The central chandelier that was designed and manufactured by Kny Design for the Sultan Qaboos Mosque in the oasis town of Nizwa in the Sultanate of Oman, is characterized by its harmonious shape and design as well as its innovative casting and lighting technology. The new central chandelier is one of the largest chandeliers ever built worldwide.

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About Kny Design GmbH:

Established in 1956, with its headquarters in Ramingdorf in the Austrian province of Lower Austria, the company specializes in innovative solutions for lighting design. These range from “classic chandeliers” to glass facades, as well as light sculptures made out of metal. The core competencies of the family-owned business, which is today run by the third generation of the Kny family, are lighting design, glass design and metal construction. The clientele of Kny Design is multifaceted: the Austrian specialist provider develops innovative lighting, glass and metal construction solutions for public buildings, churches, mosques and conference centres as well as casinos, ships or hotels. Kny Design GmbH has about 50 employees, an annual turnover of almost six million euro and an export rate of 70 percent - the main export markets being Germany, the Arab world, Russia, China and India.
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