

Press Release

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## Tridonic Fürstenfeld launches into the LED era

- **First highly automated LED assembly line commissioned**
- **Bright future prospects for employees in Styria and Burgenland**
- **Close collaboration between Tridonic Fürstenfeld and Tridonic Jennersdorf**

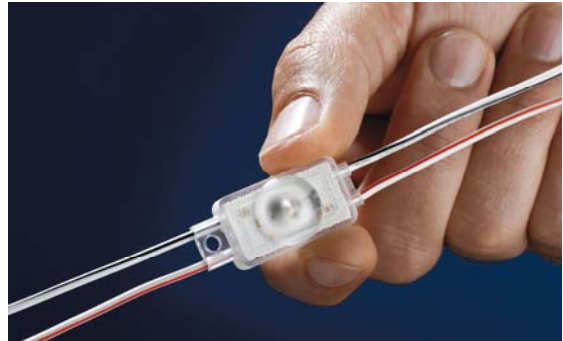
Fürstenfeld, Austria – The Tridonic production plant in Fürstenfeld, which manufactures magnetic lighting components and is part of the Zumtobel Group, is launching into the LED era and today commissioned its first LED assembly line. The highly automated line represents an initial step towards the volume production of innovative LED chains. Plans envisage commissioning up to three more LED assembly lines by 2013. Annual production capacity is slated to reach 12 million LED modules. The new LED assembly lines represent a total investment of EUR 1.5 million. The plant offers space for expansion to as many as six assembly lines. Production of special LED light engines for use in chiller cabinets has already begun.

"With the decision to set up LED production in Fürstenfeld we are investing in a particularly future-proof field of activity at our Austrian locations in Styria and Burgenland. Here we have a pool of highly motivated and qualified employees for whom we can offer bright prospects by switching to LED technology," **explained Zumtobel Group CEO Harald Sommerer at the official inauguration of the new line.**

Some 25 of the 160 employees who currently work at the Fürstenfeld plant will be transferring to innovative workplaces in LED production by 2013. At the same time, Tridonic Fürstenfeld is investing in vocational training and continuing professional development for its employees. A wide range of training courses on LEDs and the related technologies are being offered, and several employees will also be taking a university course in Optoelectronics and Photovoltaics in Fürstenfeld.

The basis for the redevelopment of the Tridonic Fürstenfeld magnetic components plant is provided by its geographical proximity and close collaboration with Tridonic Jennersdorf – until recently Ledon Lighting Jennersdorf. Tridonic Jennersdorf (Burgenland) is the Zumtobel Group's development centre for innovative LED light sources. Since 2001, the Zumtobel Group has been developing and producing innovative LED components and modules at the Jennersdorf facility. Here too the Group is investing some EUR 2 million in expanding the capacity of the plant. The aim of collaboration between Tridonic Fürstenfeld and Tridonic Jennersdorf is to drive forward the burgeoning high-volume business with LEDs and thereby reinforce Tridonic's strong market position in the LED segment.

"Tridonic Fürstenfeld is acting as the industrialisation partner for our colleagues in Jennersdorf for the high-volume assembly of LED chains and other LED products," **explained Franz Zerobin, Plant Manager in Fürstenfeld and Managing Director of Tridonic Jennersdorf.** "In Fürstenfeld we've put our experience in the volume production of conventional components to good use to design a unique and highly automated assembly line for the LED products. The special thing about this line is that despite the high level of automation, the production process remains highly flexible."



## **Pictures**

Left: Plant Manager Franz Zerobin next to the new LED assembly line  
Right: Tridonic TALEXX chain – Crystal Classic

## **Information**

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## **About Tridonic:**

Tridonic, based in Dornbirn, Austria, develops, manufactures and markets control gear for a variety of light sources, lighting management systems, LED solutions and connection technology. In the 2009/10 financial year, Tridonic's 1,900 staff working at 30 branches generated revenues of EUR 367 million. Over 200 inventions and more than 2,000 patents are proof of Tridonic's innovative capabilities. Customers include luminaire manufacturers, manufacturers using lighting solutions, architects, lighting designers, electrical consultants, electricians and wholesalers.

The Tridonic plant in Fürstenfeld, Styria houses the company's centre of competence for magnetic components. The core expertise of Tridonic Fürstenfeld is in the industrialisation and mass production of magnetic ballasts and transformers.

The Tridonic subsidiary in Jennersdorf, Burgenland was established in 2001 to develop and manufacture high-performance LED light sources. The core expertise of Tridonic Jennersdorf is in the production of high quality white LED light. For more information, please visit [www.tridonic.com](http://www.tridonic.com)

## **About the Zumtobel Group:**

The Zumtobel Group, based in Dornbirn in the Vorarlberg region of Austria, is one of the few global players in the lighting industry. The Group, which started life as Elektrogeräte und Kunstharzpresswerk W. Zumtobel KG in 1950, employed a workforce of 7,329 employees on the balance sheet date (30 April 2010) and in the 2009/10 financial year posted consolidated revenues of EUR 1,117.3 million. The financial year of the Zumtobel Group commences on 1 May and ends on 30 April. For further information, please visit [www.zumtobelgroup.com](http://www.zumtobelgroup.com).