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Groundbreaking ceremony for new production site: Witzenmann India on a growth trajectory

With a ceremonial groundbreaking event held on 26 February 2026, Witzenmann India officially launched the construction of its new, future-oriented site in southern India. The existing Witzenmann India facility in Chennai, which has been in operation for more than 25 years, will be gradually relocated to the new building complex by 2028. The event brought together representatives of the Witzenmann Group, the press and political stakeholders, underlining the strategic importance of the project for the further development of the international supplier in one of the world's fastest-growing markets.



From left: Matthias Wode, VP Facility Management Witzenmann, Consul General Michael Hasper, COO/CDO Philip Paschen, Karthic Balasubramanian, Managing Director Witzenmann India. (Image source: Witzenmann GmbH)

Yesterday morning, Witzenmann India celebrated the groundbreaking ceremony for its new-build project at the future construction site in Palur/Oragadam, South India, together with representatives of the Group, politics, industry and the media. By relocating, Witzenmann India aims to strengthen, expand and future-proof its existing local production of passenger car and commercial vehicle components, as well as

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industrial products such as expansion joints, metal hoses and metal bellows. The new site will create the conditions for more efficient processes, reduced costs and additional capacity to support further growth. India offers ideal conditions for this: a rapidly expanding manufacturing sector, a skilled workforce and a strategically advantageous export and logistics location. Particularly in the field of vehicle components – both for conventional drive technologies and for electric mobility – significant market and growth potential is emerging.

“Witzenmann India has been operating successfully in Chennai for many years. With the new site, we are transferring our existing activities to a modern, scalable infrastructure, thereby laying the foundation for further growth. It represents the consistent use of location advantages and the long-term strengthening of our competitiveness – in India and across the entire Witzenmann Group,” said Philip Paschen, COO/CDO of Witzenmann.

Modern manufacturing with a focus on efficiency and growth potential

In close proximity to the current site in Chennai, a new production and administrative facility is being built on a plot of approximately 90,000 square metres. The first construction phase will comprise a built-up area of around 20,000 square metres, featuring efficient layouts, modern office space and a high-performance, future-oriented manufacturing infrastructure with expansion potential of around 30,000 square metres. In a strongly expanding market with significant opportunities, Witzenmann has outgrown its existing premises after 25 years. The new site provides the space to establish a production facility aligned with current and future requirements. The overall construction phase is scheduled to run until mid-2027. The gradual relocation of all production units to the new site is expected to be completed by the end of 2028. The new facility is conveniently located in a growing industrial park with renowned companies, around 45 minutes by car from the current plant and near Chennai’s future international airport.

Milestone: ceremonial groundbreaking for new build with expansion potential

The highlight of the event was the official groundbreaking ceremony by the COO/CDO of the Witzenmann Group, the Vice President of Facility Management, the Consul General and the Managing Director of Witzenmann India. This was complemented by a traditional Indian lamp-lighting ceremony, symbolically marking the successful launch of the construction project. As part of the celebrations, speeches were delivered by Karthic Balasubramanian, Managing Director of Witzenmann India, and Consul General Michael Hasper. In addition, COO/CDO and shareholder Philip Paschen presented the “Incredible India” vision. The Vice President of Facility Management also

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provided insights into the project timeline. The event concluded with an opportunity for guests to network and bring the morning to a close together.

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