

## Gelo has put planing unit 2 into operation

The German firm Gelo Holzwerke GmbH, headquartered in Weissenstadt, has been able to put its planing unit 2 into operation at its company headquarters roughly six weeks ahead of schedule in September 2007. In doing so, the company has raised its planing capacity to a total of four machines. According to managing director Wolf-Christian Küssert, the new planing system is to be used mainly for processing export products, FJC fixed lengths, and special dimensions. The new planing system is also equipped with a lath-bundling unit.

In Weissenstadt, Gelo has a Linck chipper line with an annual cutting performance of around 250,000 m<sup>3</sup> and an FJC production plant, put into operation only last year with an annual production capacity of 20,000 m<sup>3</sup> of FJC in lengths of up to 15.50 m. Most of the FJC will be manufactured to list specifications.

Also installed are drying systems for more than 70,000 m<sup>3</sup> of softwood lumber per year. Production is run predominantly on an orders basis. Spruce, fir, and pine beams can be manufactured in maximum lengths of 13.60 m and maximum dimensions of 300x300 mm. The company's main sales markets are on the domestic market and within Europe. The export share last year reached a level of 40%. The company has approximately 70 employees. □