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New Hall 5 construction project begins

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Demolition of Hall 5 has now begun on the exhibition grounds. The removal of the exhibition hall, which was constructed from 1971 to 1972 on the basis of a design by the architect Martin Schoenmaker, should be completed by the end of March 2020. Construction of the new exhibition hall, designed by Frankfurt architectural office Gruber + Kleine-Kraneburg, should commence in April 2020, and the building is expected to enter operation in 2023.

Owing to the complexity of demolishing a building that is closely woven into the architecture of the grounds and situated directly adjacent to the Congress Center, Hall 6 and the Via Mobile, detailed planning and coordination was necessary between Messe Frankfurt's Construction Department and the architects, planners and experts involved. Uwe Behm, Member of the Executive Board of Messe Frankfurt: "As we are not building on a clear site – as was the case with Hall 12, for example – it is vital for us to have maximum planning precision. That is why the underlying conditions for the new Hall 5 have been defined exactly except for a small number of secondary aspects. For example, the building will have the same floor plan and two-level design as the existing Hall 5."

One marked improvement will be the column-free design of the first exhibition level, which will once again be connected directly to the large hall in the Congress Center. There is less overall design leeway with the new Hall 5 than with other structures on the exhibition grounds like Halls 3, 11 and 12, which have a greater visual impact towards the neighbouring districts.

In order to ensure that the project remains on schedule, the construction will consist mainly of precast concrete elements that are manufactured industrially elsewhere and then delivered via heavy duty transporter on the exact day they are needed. For this reason, construction logistics have a very important role to play in this project. Due to the fact that the Via Mobile and the Agora outdoor area at the heart of the eastern part of the exhibition grounds must remain operative for events during the demolition and construction phases, deliveries to the building site will primarily be made via the northern part of the exhibition grounds using the Theodor-Heuss-Allee.

More information is available here:

<http://m-es.se/Nz9q>

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