NEW HOME ON THE WATERFRONT - FRAUNHOFER CML BUILDS IN HARBURG

Selection of architects: Berlin office plans modern building at the inland port

Hamburg. It was already clear in 2016 that the Fraunhofer Center for Maritime Logistics and Services CML would receive a new building on a waterfront property in Harburg's inland port. The first Hamburg facility of the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, located at the TU Hamburg, will receive a permanent location with a lot of future potential on the site along the Lotsekanal.

At the beginning of July, the decision was made in favour of the Berlin architecture firm BHBVT Gesellschaft von Architekten mbH. BHBVT has already built for other Fraunhofer facilities and this time has also shown great sensitivity to the requirements of research facilities. Already the first draft comes very close to the requirements of the CML.

In Hanseatic tradition, the façade takes up the brick look of the former harbour area and the entrance area faces the canal. The orientation towards the water is very important to the maritime researchers. Spacious laboratories and workshops benefit from the water access, which will also enable the practical implementation of research results through a pontoon facility. The bright eight-storey building will have a spacious entrance area, modern conference and event rooms and the upper floors will accommodate more than 90 scientists, students and the administration.

A total of 2,400 sqm will be available to CML staff, 800 for laboratories and workshops and 1,600 for scientists' offices. If these areas are no longer sufficient, a second construction phase can be carried out on the site. A total of € 20 million is budgeted for the project. The project will be financed 50% by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), 25% by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and 25% by the Fraunhofer basic financing.

Until construction begins in 2019, many detailed plans still have to be carried out on the design and preparation of the subsoil. Completion is expected in 2021. The CML employees have already been able to examine the first drafts and are looking forward to the areas and the innovative spatial concept. The corridors in the new building will not run straight ahead, but in a circle.

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