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Office expansion for KIRKBI in Billund

KIRKBI is expanding its existing office facilities at Koldingvej 2 in Billund. The expansion will play a part in the continued development of the company and provide more space for its growing staff.

KIRKBI needs more space to accommodate its growing workforce and will also benefit from greater flexibility. These are the main reasons KIRKBI is adding another "cube" to its Billund office complex, adjacent to Vejlevej. The Billund office functions as the meeting place for all KIRKBI and LEGO Foundation staff who on a daily basis work out of both Billund, Copenhagen and Baar (Switzerland).

Framework for continued development

In recent years, KIRKBI and the LEGO Foundation have both increased their staff by more than 50 percent. A total of approx. 115 people now work at the Billund office.

"KIRKBI has grown significantly in recent years – so it's a natural step to expand the existing office building. KIRKBI should be a pleasant, enjoyable workplace – mixing work with fun, learning and creativity. In that kind of environment the physical framework is important – so I'm pleased we can now go ahead with the office expansion," says Søren Thorup Sørensen, CEO of KIRKBI A/S.

Sustainable architecture

The office will continue to reflect the Kirk Kristiansen family's focus on sustainability and consideration for the environment. The existing building will still have solar cells mounted on the facade, while the new extension will be built mainly of sustainable timber.

"It's been essential for us and the Kirk Kristiansen family to get consideration for the environment and the sustainability element into the building project. So it's been important that both the existing and the new buildings reflect these aims. The tradition in Denmark is normally to build in concrete and brick – so our decision that the extension should be a wooden building in sustainable materials is quite unique," says Steen Pedersen, Global Head of Real Estate at KIRKBI A/S.

Some facts about the new building

Present area: 4,410 m².

Area of new extension: 3,410 m² (the existing and new buildings combined: 7,820 m²)

Architect: Schmidt Hammer Lassen Architects

Engineer: Søren Jensen Rådgivende Ingeniørfirma

Builder: KIRKBI A/S

Building will commence in November 2016, with expected completion during the first quarter of 2018.

About KIRKBI A/S

KIRKBI A/S is the Kirk Kristiansen family's holding and investment company. The company's strategic activities include 75% ownership of the LEGO Group, 29.9% ownership of Merlin Entertainments plc and investments in renewable energy. The company's investment activities also include significant long-term investments in companies such as Falck A/S, Matas A/S, Minimax Viking GmbH and ISS A/S as well as real estate investments in Denmark, Switzerland, Germany and the UK. KIRKBI has a long-term investment profile and is a responsible investor with a high ethical standard. More information available at www.KIRKBI.com.

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Caption: The computer-generated rendering shows the existing KIRKBI House with extension as the building is expected to look from the traffic circle on Vejlevej, Billund.