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Project news „Golfpark St. Wendel“, Germany (www.golfclub-stwendel.de)

Herewith, I would like to give you an insight into the progress of construction and management at the Wendelinus Golfpark construction site in St. Wendel, Saarland, Germany.

This is to be the 4th golf club to be built and managed by “Golfanlagen Weilland GmbH”. Dr. Hermann Weilland uses the *Rotation Golf* principle “Pay One-Play Four”, whereby members of any one golf course are free to play all four.



Architects “Hoffmann and Jersombeck” were employed to design the course which was made easy by the existence of a natural rolling landscape, consisting mainly of woodland but also some open grassy plains. The site covers an expansive 140 hectares of which 10% is environmentally protected areas. It was clear at the outset that this golf course was destined to be wondrous, both in terms of playability and aesthetic beauty. The two architects put together a design for a driving range, 9-Hole Par 3 short course and a 27-Hole championship course. The short course has a length of 901m and the 27-Hole championship course a total length of 8979m.



Construction began in June 2003. There was a total earth movement quantity of 320,000m³ not included topsoil strip or spread. "Mole Golf Course Shaping" were responsible for the majority of earth movement and shaping together with Dr. Weiland's own earth movement company "Grünbau Landschaftsgestaltung Weiland". A variety of machinery was used throughout this construction phase. Machinery included a D8 and scraper box, two D6Rs, a D6M, a D5M, a D4, two 25 tonne excavators, four dump trucks and two 12 tonne excavators. The earth movement was completed in July of this year.



In the original design, a number of rock features were planned. Through the development of a small, on-site quarry we have been able to excavate all rock needed and have also extended our rock-work programme. There are now many tastefully built features including a cascade, elevated tee complexes, rock-lined depressions as hazards and two rock supported lake-side greens.



The short course and driving range were seeded out in September of 2003 and opened in May of this year. The seeding works on the championship course first began in May 2004 and are now concluded for this year with a total of 20 holes seeded. The first 9 holes were opened for play in September. The second 9 holes are to be opened in May 2005 and the third in September 2005. The Club House and Hotel is to be opened in 2006, at which time a monthly membership fee of 150€ is projected.

The following persons and companies have been involved in the St. Wendel project so far.

Investor: Golfanlagen Weiland GmbH (www.weiland-mannheim.de)

Architects: Hoffmann & Jersombeck (www.hofmann-roettgen.de)

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Irrigation: Fa. Pröhl / Fa. Tisatec (www.tisatec.de)

Shapers: Mole Golf Ltd. (www.molegolf.com)

Seed supplier: Pro Sementis (www.prosementis.de)

Golfgarten Deutsche Weinstrasse (www.golfgarten.de)

In July of 2004, the extension of Golf Club Dt. Weinstrasse to 27 holes was celebrated. Since it's opening as an 18-Hole course in 2001, Golf Club Dt. Weinstrasse has been a wonderful success and now boasts having over 950 members.



I hope this brief report has been both informative and interesting. I am always available to answer any queries you might have on 0049-173-4585332 or info@thomasbiermann.com or (www.thomasbiermann.com),



Yours,
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