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JTI selects Implenia as total contractor for the construction works of its new headquarters in Geneva – Switzerland's leading construction company will undertake the overall implementation of the innovative steel structure and glass façade building

Dietlikon, 22 May 2012 – Japan Tobacco International (JTI) today announced that it has selected Implenia, Switzerland's leading construction and construction services company, as total contractor for the overall building works of its new international headquarters in the Sécheron area of Geneva.

"During the selection process, we wanted to privilege a provider that could lead the total construction works, from beginning to end", says Tony Gomez, Project Lead at JTI. "Implenia not only met these criteria, but differentiated itself by the quality of its submission. Its technical and logistical know-how, its ability to lead large-scale projects and its reputation for excellence in execution, both locally and worldwide, reinforced our decision".

"JTI's new headquarters will be a landmark building for Geneva. Its impressive steel structure and expansive glass façade make it a unique piece of architecture," notes Alain Perrenoud, Responsible at Implenia for General Contracting in French-speaking Switzerland. "We are very proud to bring our expertise to this large-scale project and will tackle the challenge by combining our well-founded knowledge ranging from project management through civil and foundation engineering to building construction".

World-renowned Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM), together with Geneva-based group8, are the architects of JTI's administrative and industrial building, which will have a total surface of approximately 25'000 square meters and accommodate 1100 workplaces.

The building site of JTI's new headquarters opened on 16 April, 2012 and the construction works will start next June. In total, nearly 5'600 tons of steel and 16'500 square meters of glass will be needed for the structure and façade of the nine-storied building, which will meet the 'Minergie' standards. Over the next three years, this large-scale project will be one of the driving forces of the local construction industry.

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JTI's future international headquarters in the Sécheron area of Geneva. (Copyright : SOM)



The building site of JTI's new international headquarters has opened on April 16, 2012. (Copyright : JTI)



Photo: Contract signature between JTI and Implenla. From left to right – François Dugast, Corporate Secretary Vice President, JTI; René Zahnd, Head of Real Estate Division, Member of the Executive Committee, Implenla; Alain Perrenoud, Head of General Contracting French-speaking Switzerland, Member of the Management Board, Real Estate Division, Implenla; Tony Gomez, Project Lead Vice President, Business Development, JTI. (Copyright : JTI)



Implenia is Switzerland's leading construction and construction services company. Formed in 2006 from the merger between Zschokke and Batigroup, Implenia can look back on more than 140 years of history in the construction industry. The company brings the expertise of its highly skilled Real Estate, Infrastructure Construction and Industrial Construction divisions under the single roof of a nationally and internationally active company. With its integrated business model and specialists operating in all its divisions, Implenia can manage a building project through its entire lifecycle and deliver work that is economical, sustainable, integrated and customer-centric.

Implenia, with its headquarters in Dietlikon near Zurich, employs more than 6000 people and posted turnover of more than CHF 2.5 billion in 2011. The company is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (IMPN, CH0023868554). More information can be found at www.implenia.com.



JTI is a member of the Japan Tobacco Group of Companies, a leading international tobacco product manufacturer. It markets world-renowned brands such as Winston, Mild Seven and Camel. Other global brands include Benson & Hedges, Silk Cut, Sobranie, Glamour and LD. With its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and net sales of USD 11.2 billion in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, JTI has operations in more than 120 countries, about 25,000 employees worldwide and 1221 employees in Switzerland. For more information, visit www.jti.com.