

## Geberit invests in Asia

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**The Geberit Group is demonstrating its commitment to the growth market in Asia and is investing around CHF 20 million in China. A groundbreaking ceremony was held today in Shanghai for the company's new Asia/Pacific Headquarters.**

Geberit has decided to establish a new headquarters for the Asia/Pacific Region in Nanxiang/Shanghai, China, in order to do justice to its increasing business activities in the Region. The project includes a modern production infrastructure, new office spaces and a training center tailored to the needs of the customers. The new buildings will also house spacious development and testing laboratories for the regional Research and Development Competence Center.

The total investment amounts to approximately CHF 20 million. The new premises are expected to be available for occupancy at the beginning of 2010. A total of around 450 employees will be working at the new site following the move from the present headquarters, which are also located in Nanxiang/Shanghai.

Geberit's investment underlines the importance to the Group of successful further development of the Asia/Pacific Region. The company is currently represented in the Asia/Pacific Region by 15 sales offices and two production facilities and intends to use its extended infrastructure to exploit the long-term growth potential of this area.

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