Designs for modern working life

The decision to build a new corporate headquarters signals the start of a new epoch for ThyssenKrupp. Its modern architecture, split over several buildings, stands for dialogue and knowledge sharing among colleagues. Both the architectural design and the main materials used – steel and glass – represent modernity and innovation.

In collaboration with the Fraunhofer Institute and the architects, an office concept was developed for the ThyssenKrupp Quarter that meets the diverse requirements of a modern workplace.

What do good offices need to offer today? They should support innovation processes and improve the quality of social interaction. They must allow both concentrated individual work and team work. Mobile working makes it easy to involve external specialists. Formal and informal communications are facilitated by a wide variety of meeting rooms and areas.

The offices meet all safety requirements and make optimum use of floor space.

Through maximum transparency and flexibility, the offices in the ThyssenKrupp Quarter make it easier for colleagues to communicate and so make a major contribution to implementing the Company's corporate culture. Key components of the office concept in the ThyssenKrupp Quarter include:

- Modular design with partition systems
- Flexible workplace design in preparation for different usage
- Ergonomic office equipment to allow alternating seated and standing work
- Modern ambience as an expression of an innovation-based corporate culture
- Innovative solutions for lighting, temperature control and sound insulation for a high-quality working environment

Since early 2007, several hundred ThyssenKrupp employees have taken the opportunity to view the new working environments in advance. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. Two thirds were immediately impressed by the new office concept. With a few adjustments, they could easily imagine working in such surroundings. Only 13 percent remained unconvinced on first viewing. All criticisms and improvement suggestions – especially those of the skeptics – such as opening windows and more single offices have been taken into account in the office concept which has now been realized.