



## PRESS RELEASE

# Infineon apprentice campus: Shell construction of the building in Technology Park Villach is finished!

*Villach, April 12, 2024* – “Gemeinnützige Personalservice Kärnten GmbH” (GPS) is building a training and education campus in the tpv Technology Park Villach. Just a few months after the groundbreaking ceremony, the roof has been completed. Infineon Austria will train its apprentices here as the main tenant from fall 2024 and increase the number of apprentices.

The topping-out ceremony marks the start of the interior work on the three-storied building, which will also include a photovoltaic system, electric charging systems and green spaces. A total of 9 million euros will be invested. State-of-the-art workshops, laboratory space, classrooms, social rooms and offices will be created on an area of around 2,850 square meters. In addition to Infineon, bfi Carinthia and WIFI Carinthia will also be located there.

**Bernhard Sapetschnig, GPS Managing Director:** "We are right on schedule and will go into operation in September 2024. The good cooperation with all partners involved is a key factor in this rapid implementation. Thank you to everyone involved, as well as to the state of Carinthia, the city of Villach and the Carinthian social partners for making this flagship project possible."

### **Infineon: Apprenticeship training close to the Villach production site**

Infineon will use 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> for its apprenticeship “Electrical and Metal Engineering” and bring in state-of-the-art equipment. Until now, the basic apprenticeship training took place at the Technical Academy (TAK) in St. Andrä/Lavanttal. TAK will continue to be Infineon's proven training partner in Villach. Infineon is currently training a total of around 100 apprentices. In the fall, 40 new apprentices will start the dual apprenticeship in electronics and metal technology, doubling the number of apprentices Infineon takes on each year in this area.

**Thomas Reisinger, Board Member for Operations Infineon Technologies Austria:** "I am delighted that the construction work is progressing according to plan. The new campus means that the apprentices will be in close to our production facilities in future, which is a real advantage. With our experienced training team, we are creating the best conditions for young people in the region in a state-of-the-art environment. It is an eminently important milestone in the further development and expansion of our innovation factory with sought-after technical specialists."

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## **Facts & figures about the training and further education campus at tpv:**

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- Building contractor: GPS Gemeinnützigen Personalservice Kärnten GmbH
- The Carinthian social partners Chamber of Labour (AK), Chamber of Commerce (WK), Federation of Austrian Industries (IV) and Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) support the project together with the Carinthian Public Employment Service (AMS) in their role as GPS shareholders and as representatives of Carinthian employees, business and industry.
- Total usable area: 2,850 m<sup>2</sup>
- Total investment: 9 million euros
- Infineon apprentice campus: around 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> for apprenticeship “Electrical and Metal Engineering”
- Further training areas for bfi and WIFI: around 1,100 m<sup>2</sup>
- Start of training and further education: September 2024
- PV system on the roof, heat supply via district heating, electromobility with e-charging stations and bicycle parking spaces

### **About GPS, Villach Training Center**

Gemeinnützigen Personalservice Kärnten GmbH (GPS) has been a partner in the integration of people into the labor market for over 20 years. This is done through non-profit employment projects and the provision of personnel as well as through inter-company apprenticeship training. GPS Kärnten has locations in Klagenfurt, Wolfsberg, Spittal and a training center in Villach for metal and electrical professions.

### **About Infineon Austria**

Infineon Technologies Austria AG is a subsidiary of Infineon Technologies AG, a global semiconductor leader in power systems and IoT. Semiconductors are essential for mastering the energy-related challenges of our time and helping to shape the digital transformation. Infineon's microelectronics drive decarbonization and digitalization and enable groundbreaking solutions for green and efficient energy, clean and safe mobility as well as a smart and secure IoT.

Infineon Austria pools competencies for research and development, production as well as global business responsibility. The head office is in Villach, with further branches in Graz, Klagenfurt, Linz, Innsbruck and Vienna. With 5,886 employees (including around 2,500 in research and development) from 79 nations, the company generated revenue of EUR 5.6 billion in the 2023 fiscal year (ending 30 September). With research expenditure of 672 million euros, Infineon Austria is one of the strongest research companies in Austria.

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