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Foundation stone laid for the new "Horizont" building at Frauenfeld cantonal hospital

Frauenfeld / Zurich, 23 May 2017 – Representatives of the building owner Spital Thurgau AG andthurmed Immobilien AG, general contractor Steiner AG and the political spheres today attended the traditional groundbreaking ceremony, ushering in the start of further work on the new HORIZONT building for the cantonal hospital in Frauenfeld. The project, which goes by the name HORIZONT, involves the replacement construction of the operating theatre, medical diagnostics facilities and the ward block. In addition, the existing hospital building is undergoing extensive modifications and adaptations and the old ward block is being demolished. Work started in July 2016 and is scheduled to run until the end of 2020.

Reorganised areas will be moving into the new building, alongside the existing departments. These will include a new reception area with a central reception desk, an interdisciplinary outpatient clinic, an ultra-modern operating theatre area, interdisciplinary medical diagnostics and much more. A special feature of the project is that the old ward block will be demolished after completion of the new building and the refurbishment work. The new section of the building is scheduled to open as early as the end of 2019. It will take at least another three years to complete the entire HORIZONT project in Frauenfeld, which is being delivered by Steiner AG using state-of-the-art planning principles while the hospital remains operational. "Once completed, the fully modernised and extended amenities at Frauenfeld cantonal hospital will help to meet the increasing demand among the population and public authorities for efficient, first-class healthcare provision, both now and in future," Steiner CEO Daniel Ducrey affirms.

High-quality medical care
"The meticulous planning and the constant refining of the layout for the various user processes has been a lengthy process; now at last we can move forward with the HORIZONT newbuild and renovation project at Frauenfeld cantonal hospital," said Norbert Vetterli, Hospital Director at Frauenfeld cantonal hospital. Dr. Marc Kohler, CEO of building owner thurmed Group, added: "A high-quality hospital that is well-equipped to meet current and future requirements is a boon to the Frauenfeld region and the canton of Thurgau as a whole. It’s about providing the population with high-quality medical care and an efficient service; this project will safeguard both of these, for many years to come." The doctors, nurses and many other medical officers at Spital Thurgau are, of course, delighted by this. In a fast-changing and highly challenging hospital market, the present-day cantonal hospital is no longer entirely fit for purpose and struggles to provide a consistently attractive service and recruit high-quality specialists to move to Frauenfeld. The HORIZONT project will significantly improve all of these aspects, even though the construction phase is already necessitating a lot of extra work and quick solutions, and will continue to do so until the building opens. Nonetheless, all the staff are more than willing to work extra hard to make this landmark development a reality, for the benefit of the whole region.
The building owner is thurmed Immobilien AG, acting on behalf of the operator Spital Thurgau. Steiner AG is acting as general contractor for the overall project. The architectural concept was developed by Aarau-based Schneider & Schneider. Combined with all the medical equipment and facilities, the total construction volume for the major project is around CHF 280 million, which includes approx. CHF 160 million plus options of around CHF 10 million for the general contractor, Steiner. The finance is in place, the necessary liquid funds largely secured and – critically – Spital Thurgau can afford the future operating costs and repayments, all of which is key in assuring the population and staff of the project’s longevity. This was echoed by cantonal councillor Dr. Jakob Stark at the ceremony marking the laying of the foundation stone: ‘The permanent availability of good quality healthcare is of great importance to the canton. With one of the biggest construction projects ever awarded in the canton of Thurgau, Spital Thurgau is playing an invaluable role for our population.’

A sustainable hospital for the future
All new buildings will be built by Steiner AG to the Swiss Minergie P energy efficiency standard. Minergie P designates and qualifies buildings that have even lower energy consumption than Minergie and, as such, are particularly sustainable and pioneering in the construction of hospitals. In hospital construction, this is a formidable challenge. Since 1973, Steiner AG has constructed over 60 different hospital buildings as well as retirement and nursing homes and Frauenfeld perfectly showcases its comprehensive structural engineering expertise.

### Key figures for the new Frauenfeld cantonal hospital

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<td>Number of beds:</td>
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<td>Operating theatres:</td>
<td>10 in total, including 4 specialist theatres for angiology, urology and, in future, space for a hybrid operating theatre for novel interdisciplinary major surgery.</td>
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<td>ICU beds:</td>
<td>10-12, plus 10 intermediate care beds</td>
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<td>Delivery rooms:</td>
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<td>Emergencies:</td>
<td>Full emergency department with a large emergency surgery, in longstanding partnership with the GPs.</td>
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<td>Staff:</td>
<td>Currently approx. 710 full-time positions at Frauenfeld cantonal hospital, held by more than 1,000 employees (and that figure continues to rise). The number includes approx. 145 doctors, and added to this are a further 200+ central medical and administrative services jobs for thurmed Group at the Frauenfeld site.</td>
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<td>Services provided:</td>
<td>Complete extended primary care, both in-patient and out-patient, and a number of highly specialised services (the tasks being efficiently shared with sister hospital Münsterlingen cantonal hospital). Integrated care is actively promoted, both within the hospital and with the pre- and post-acute care departments, involving many other facilities operated by the thurmed Group.</td>
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