

Kolding company is moving to a new 12,000 square metre facility



The TRESU Group, based in Bjert, currently has seven locations in the Kolding area. The company, which has 250 employees, is now aiming to locate all its operations at one new company site at Venusvej, which will be completed in the summer of 2019. It is the construction firm of Daugaard Pedersen A/S that will build the new company facilities and lease them to TRESU Group. The administrative building will be around 3,500 square metres and production and warehousing will cover approximately 8,500 square metres. Illustration: TRESU

Next summer, TRESU Group will move from Bjert to a new site in the northern industrial district. At the same time, another Kolding company, NSM A/S, which employs 50 persons, will take over the Tresu buildings in Bjert.

Kolding: The growth in the TRESU Group has meant that the company has had to lease additional premises a distance away from its existing premises in Bjert. Right now, the company's 250 employees are spread over seven different locations in the Kolding area.

The company, which specialises in producing large printing machines for the packaging industry, therefore needed a longer term solution.

- We have the location in Bjert and six other locations in Kolding. This "patch rug" of sites is creating some inefficiencies. It's very difficult to operate efficiently at so many different locations. It is also difficult to get the logistics to run optimally. The offshoots have turned into permanent solutions, but now we had to draw a line in the sand, says CEO Søren Maarssø.

In May 2017, the Nordic private equity fund, Altor, bought the company from the private equity capital fund, Erhvervsinvest, and the company has been looking for a more permanent solution since the new owners took over. In principle, the company could expand at the current location in Bjert, but ultimately the situation favoured a move for the company to Venusvej in the northern industrial district, which is closer to the motorway.

Brief details about TRESU Group

TRESU Group has had its headquarters in Bjert since its founding in 1981, and the company will now be relocating its operations to Kolding. TRESU Group has production and sales facilities in the USA, and sales and service offices in Germany, Italy, China and Japan. The company produces so-called flexo printing machines for the packaging industry and accessories, as well as special solutions for the graphics industry. Flexo printing machines are used, among other things, for the manufacture of food packaging, including cartons for milk and juice. In addition, TRESU Group develops solutions within niche-areas such as lottery scratch tickets, hygiene products and water-soluble foils for laundry and dishwasher tabs.



TRESU Group is moving from Bjert to a new administration and production facility on Venusvej in Kolding.

- We have good reason to believe in the future, and that is why we are choosing to invest in a brand new production facility of this size. I am proud to lead a team of employees that has built TRESU Group to our international level, and I am looking forward to the opportunities that the new set up will give us, says CEO Søren Maarssø.

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More opportunities

The company, founded in 1981, has its headquarters in Bjert, near Kolding. Among other customers, it manufactures machines for the large Swedish group, Tetra Pak, which is a major supplier of cartons for milk and juice. In future, the high technology machines will be gathered on one site at Venusvej.

- With the new location nearer the motorway, we will achieve a better solution in terms of logistics and in terms of access for our employees. We attract a lot of employees who live outside Kolding, and the new location will be better for them. This gives us more opportunities in terms of recruitment, says Søren Maarssø, who is at the helm of the company that is gaining momentum right now. TRESU Group's latest full-year accounts showed progress across the board. Revenue grew by 43 percent to DKK 637 million, and earnings more than doubled from DKK 32 to DKK 74 million.

Moving in 2019

Foundation work is already in progress at Venusvej. It is investor and general contractor, Daugaard Pedersen A/S, which owns the site and is building the new facility which will cover around 12,000 square metres, with approximately 8,500 square metres for production and warehousing and approximately 3,500 square metres for administration offices. TRESU Group will lease the buildings on a long-term contract.

- We hope to be able to move in around summer 2019. There will be a continuous transition in that we have entered into cooperation with NSM A/S, says Søren Maarssø. At the same time as TRESU Group moves out of Bjert, the production company, NSM A/S, will move into the vacated building with its 50 employees from Ambolten to Bjert.