



ZAL TechCenter is the technological research and development network for the civilian aviation industry in the Hamburg metropolitan area (Photo: Paul Milbrod, Ed. Züblin AG)

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Inauguration of ZAL TechCenter in Hamburg: Turnkey construction realised by ZÜBLIN for approx. € 60 million

ZAL TechCenter, Hamburg's new centre for applied aviation research at Rüschnhalbinsel near the Airbus factory, was officially opened during a ceremony held today. Turnkey construction of the building, with a total gross floor area (GFA) of approx. 28,500 m², was handled by Ed. Züblin AG as general contractor. The approx. € 60 million contract comprised two halls with modern laboratories and adjoining office tracts as well as a connecting building with suitable conference, meeting, exhibition and restaurant space.

The TechCenter's flood-proof foundation consists of 875 full displacement piles driven up to 25 m deep into the substrate. The steel structure, made up of steel trusses with a span of 32 m, was erected above the research hall by Züblin Stahlbau GmbH. ReGe Hamburg Projekt-Realisierungsgesellschaft mbH, which hired Ed. Züblin AG in its function as representative of the City of Hamburg, handled the project management, financing and letting of the originally privately initiated project with a total investment volume of € 82.4 million. In January 2016, ReGe transferred the building to user and tenant ZAL Zentrum für Angewandte Luftfahrtforschung GmbH.

ZAL TechCenter is the technological research and development network for the civilian aviation industry in the Hamburg metropolitan region. The centre is intended as a hub for science, business and the City of Hamburg and a platform for research institutes and SMEs for the joint research and development of aviation technologies.

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