

Press information

New chandelier from Ramingdorf for mosque in Muscat

Kny Design delivers chandelier for the new mosque in Oman's capital city

(Ramingdorf, 12 November 2014) "We are extremely happy to deliver our now second mosque chandelier to Muscat, the capital city of the Sultanate of Oman," reports CEO Harald Kny. In the beginning of November 2014, in the Kny Design factory in the Lower Austrian town of Ramingdorf, this almost eight meter high chandelier was completed after three months construction time. It has now been sent off on its journey via rail and sea to Muscat, where at the end of this month it will take its place in the new mosque.

"For the customer, the deciding factor of the new chandelier for the new mosque was almost certainly the shapely appeal," recounts Harald Kny. "The shapely appeal of the chandelier must be in absolute harmony with the whole building complex. We have clearly succeeded, since the customer is very satisfied." The extremely complex shapes within the chandelier are possible thanks to specially-developed casting technologies. This is yet another area in which the Austrian, familyowned company is a technological leader.

Proportions of the chandelier made in Austria

Total weight: 4,500 kg Diameter: 4.5 m Corpus height: 7.70 m Height including suspension rod: 13.0 m Light power: 17,760 Watt 78,890 Swarovski crystals are illuminated Construction time: 3 months

Future prospects

In October 2013, the chandelier that was designed by Kny Design and completed within a half-year construction period was installed in the Al Ameen Mosque in Muscat. It is one of the five largest lights that has ever been produced and installed. Still in this year, a third Kny Design chandelier will be delivered to Oman: The large central chandelier for the mosque in the oasis town of Nizwa.

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And the dimensions of this chandelier will exceed those of the chandelier from the Al Ameen Mosque. "With clients all over the world - from the Arab region, to Russia, China and India – it is important to be able to recognise and take advantage of the strengths and differences of different cultures," explains Harald Kny about the complexity and potential of his business. (End)

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<u>Picture description</u>: The central chandelier that was designed and manufactured by Kny Design for a new mosque in Muscat, the capital city of the Sultanate of Oman, is characterized by its harmonious, shapely appeal that blends in with the entire building. Still in this year, the central chandelier for the mosque in Nizwa (also in the Sultanate of Oman) will be completed and delivered.

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About Kny Design GmbH:

Established in 1956, with its headquarters in Ramingdorf in the Austrian province of Lower Austria, the company specializes in innovative solutions for lighting design. These range from "classic chandeliers" to glass facades, as well as light sculptures made out of metal. The core competencies of the family-owned business, which is today run by the third generation of the Kny family, are lighting design, glass design and metal construction. The clientele of Kny Design is multifaceted: the Austrian specialist provider develops innovative lighting, glass and metal construction solutions for public buildings, churches, mosques and conference centres as well as casinos, ships or hotels. Kny Design GmbH has about 50 employees, an annual turnover of almost 6 million euro and an export rate of 70 percent - the main export markets being Germany, the Arab world, Russia, China and India. http://www.kny-design.com

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