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Vetter boosts pharmaceutical storage capacity with major warehouse expansion

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Vetter, a globally operating Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO), has announced a significant expansion of its pharmaceutical materials warehouse in Ravensburg, Germany, to meet increasing market demand and support the company's organic growth.

With a further investment of over €150 million, this expansion will add 16,000 pallet spaces to the existing 13,000 pallet spaces for cool storage. After the expansion, Vetter will have a total of 68,000 pallet spaces for various temperature requirements.

Groundbreaking for the warehouse expansion has started in late 2024, with the additional storage space expected to be operational in 2028. The first milestone is expected in the fourth quarter of 2026, when the shell of the building will be completed. In addition to the high-bay warehouse expansion, the new 22,500 sqm building will house sample storage for stability testing, additional manual and automated visual inspection rooms, a new staff canteen, and dedicated areas for offices and a data center.

The newly expanded building will focus primarily on cold storage, as well as chest and walk-in freezer capacity, specifically designed for high-profile pharmaceutical products and associated materials. “The growing need for cool storage for innovative drug products increases the demand for additional storage space,” explains Timo Usinger, Senior Vice President Supply Chain Management, Vetter. “As a result, the new facility will be fully cooled. We are using the latest automation and digitalization technology, such as advanced monitoring systems and fully automated pallet storage and retrieval.”