



## Gräflich Reuttner von Weyl'sche Verwaltung Administration Offices

Forestry

Historic Monuments

Land and Properties

Industry

Shareholdings

Foundation



## Company group: A tradition of innovation

Wood is the essential element combining the companies that belong to our group. I associate three key notions with this wonderful material:



1. **Sustainability**, because there would no longer be any wood if the forests were not cultivated according to the principle of sustainability.
2. **Versatility**, because there is practically no sector of the modern economy that does not require wood.
3. **Constancy**, because the trees supplying us with timber have been growing on the same site for many decades.

The entrepreneurial activities of my family date back to the 13th century. Since then, members of my family have been managing our companies. Forestry has always been the focal point of our activities. Were it not for the qualities I associate with wood and the continuous readiness of these family members and our companies to be innovative and to constantly improve, none of this would have been possible. We can proudly boast of having a tradition of innovation.



# Historical background

## 1250–1750

The family originally stems from what today is Swiss sovereign territory. The family residence was located here as well as in Alsace. At the end of the 18th century, Beat Konrad Frhr. Reuttner v. Weyl acquired the Achstetten estate.

## 1750–1817 – Our will to succeed

In 1745 Beat Konrad Frhr. Reuttner v. Weyl became a Knight of the Teutonic Order and went on to hold the following offices: Commander of the bailiwick of Alsace, Burgundy and Hesse, Imperial Councillor, State and Conference Minister of the Grand Master of the Teutonic Knights, Commander of Marburg, Wetzlar and the Mainau. In 1817 the rank of Count was conferred on the family.

## 1817–1850 – Open for innovation

Count Reuttner supported Mr. von Drais in the invention of the so-called “Draisine” which was later to become the bicycle. One of the first prototypes belongs to the Reuttner family and is exhibited at the Deutsches Museum.

## 1968–2009 – Our sustainability

Once the last of the war refugees had moved out (1967), continuous work was carried out on renovating the castle, the crypt chapel and other buildings.





# Administration offices

Situated in Achstetten, our administration offices are responsible for coordinating all the company divisions.

A friendly and motivated team is there as competent partner to offer you assistance in all internal and external affairs.

## Our locations:



# Forestry – Foundation – Land and Properties

## Forestry

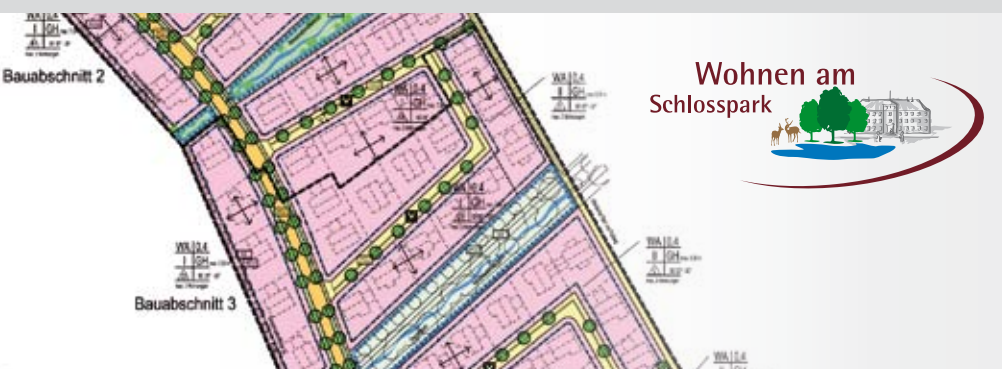
Our forestry company Gräfl. Reuttner Forst GmbH & Co. KG is responsible for managing forests that belong to us as well as to others. Besides the usual range of forestry products (the main trees being spruce and pine), we also offer technical services.

## Foundation

The foundation which is without legal capacity was set up by Philip Graf Reuttner to maintain and preserve - regardless of ownership or proprietor relations and of whether state subsidies have been granted – the buildings which have been classified as monuments as cultural goods of historical significance. These include the castle and grounds, the parish church of Saints Oswald and Agatha and the crypt chapel of Mary's Annunciation.

## Land and Properties

Besides preserving historic monuments, we constantly attempt to manage our land and properties in such a way as to fulfil modern living standards. In addition to this, we are permanently involved in land development projects, above all in Achstetten, where we provide building land for residential and commercial construction.







## Furnierwerk Laubach: Some of the world's finest rotary cut veneers

For more than 40 years, rotary cut beech veneer has been produced by the Furnierwerk Laubach. Backed by a workforce of our 55 highly-qualified specialists, we can boast of an annual output of some 21,000 solid m3 rotary cut veneer from beech logs.

We are located in Laubach in the middle of the extensive beech forests of the Vogelsberg, some 80km north of Frankfurt.

Renowned veneer processors throughout the globe value our consistently high quality and punctual delivery times. The fact that we are committed to the principle of sustainable development is evidenced, among other things, by our PEFC and FSC certifications (chain of custody).

### Technology

Innovative technology and highly-developed production processes are key features of our company. Our veneers stem exclusively from selected local timber.

Our greatest capital is our specialized workforce that is able to draw on years of experience and expertise. Thanks to their commitment, our products have become synonymous with quality on the global market and have remained in constant demand since then.



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### **Rotary cut veneer – a wide range of uses**

Veneer is a (thin) sheet of wood sliced off a trunk using modern machinery. Prior to this, the logs had been kept in damp storage under professional management and then subject to a special steaming process. After this the veneer sheets are dried and then cut and packaged according to customer specifications.

We offer three categories of veneer:

- Industrial veneer  
(for use, for example, in the production of laminated wood)
- Formed parts  
(for use, for example, in furniture production)
- Innovative veneers  
(for use, for example, in the production of three-dimensional veneers)

In our opinion, veneer is one of the most precious things that can be formed from wood.







# Without our beechwood we wouldn't be able to produce veneer of such high quality

Our understanding of quality at the Furnierwerk Laubach is what the customer expects of us. For this reason, the agreement we reach with our suppliers is that they supply us with wood displaying the quality and characteristics that will enable us to fulfil customers' demands. We have documented this agreement in a flyer and have made it available to all the supplier companies. Backed by modern plants which we maintain ourselves and constantly re-equip with innovative additional components, and with the support of a professional dispatch team our entire workforce constantly endeavours to do justice to our customers' quality expectations.

These attributes have made us what we are today – a global player in rotary cut veneer production. And we are proud of that.

## Global distribution



There is scarcely a continent in which Laubach rotary cut beech veneers are not processed.



# Energiewerk Laubach: sustainable energy generated from top-quality beechwood

## Energiewerk

The utility company Energiewerk Laubach generates energy and fuel from reproductive commodities. By making efficient use of all possibilities available in the entire production process, we have taken an important step into the future with our utility company. Because the beechwood that we use is CO2-neutral, it makes an active contribution towards environmental protection.

## Firewood

Our firewood comes from the Vogelsberg region in Hesse. This region is renowned for being one of the best beech cultivation areas in the world. Dry firewood, such as our Laubacher PREMIUM-HOLZ, not only offers a very high calorific value. It also extends the life of heating systems (e.g. the chimney) and makes an active contribution towards emission protection. We deliver large and small volumes and are supported by an experienced firewood producer.







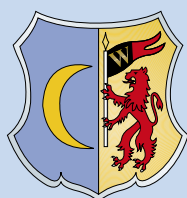
## District Heating Laubach: Energy generated locally

Alongside other activities Energiewerk Laubach uses the resources from veneer production to generate energy. Backed by modern installations, we are able to achieve a consistently high level of efficiency while at the same time keeping exhaust fumes extremely low.

Hot water is to be channelled into the district heating grid and then passed on to the companies and private households that are connected to the system for heating purposes and for producing hot water.

Modern utility companies such as the Energiewerk Laubach make energy consumers less dependent on the major international power providers. Not only that, they contribute towards strengthening our region.





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