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Doppelmayr USA marks its 40-year anniversary with the busiest year in company history

The foundation of Doppelmayr USA dates back to the year 1982. Over the past four decades it developed to be one of the biggest subsidiaries of the world market leader in ropeway engineering – the Doppelmayr Group. Located in Salt Lake City, Utah, in close proximity to the most popular ski resorts in the US, the company serves its customers with spot-on know how and technical capabilities. The Doppelmayr USA team has brought many innovations to the US and continues to be the driving force for state-of-the-art ropeway technology in the industry. 2022 also marks the busiest year Doppelmayr USA had in its 40-year history.

Looking back on 40 years, the ropeway industry in the US has developed significantly. Doppelmayr USA has been a key player in advancing technology and safety in the industry. Originally founded in 1982 in the state of Colorado, the company has found its home in Salt Lake City, Utah, following the merger with Garaventa/CTEC in 2002. It now employs 200 professionals, who create unique and state-of-the-art ropeway solutions for ski resorts and tourism destinations. Katharina Schmitz has headed the North American subsidiary as president since 2020 and has seen very positive developments. “In the past years we have been growing the skills and capabilities of our team continuously. We established a new project engineering group, strengthened our planning team, grew production and construction staff as well as our service offerings,” she says.

Innovation, comfort and design highlights for the US market

The continued focus of the Doppelmayr site in Salt Lake City is on innovation and new products. In 2018, Doppelmayr introduced the D-Line to the US with the Ramcharger 8 at Big Sky. Since then Boyne Resorts built two more D-Line chairlifts, Swift Current 6 at Big Sky and Kancamagus 8 at Loon Mountain. For the upcoming winter Doppelmayr USA is working on 25 new ropeway installations across the country, six of them are new D-Line projects.

Proximity and modern facilities

The premises in Salt Lake City cover 85,000 square meters and include offices, warehousing and manufacturing space along with electrical production, shipping and installation archives. In addition, around 4,200 square meters are dedicated to a modern training facility for professional instruction in all things related to ropeway technology. The ropeway control system Doppelmayr Connect for the North American market is also engineered, produced and tested in Salt Lake City. The expansion of knowledge and expertise at the Salt Lake subsidiary creates new job opportunities and added value to the region.

The site’s location is of huge benefit both to the company and its customer base. The western section of the Rocky Mountains Range is home to North America’s major winter sports resorts such as Sun Valley, Beaver Creek and Vail along with many smaller ski areas – which makes the company ideally placed to serve their needs. Some of these resorts, among them Deer Valley and Park City, lie within just 35 minutes’ reach of the plant. This central location also means that experts can be on site faster, in-person meetings make collaboration easier, and access to training is more convenient.

All this makes the company a highly responsive and reliable partner in all ropeway matters. Doppelmayr USA will continue to work with customers to jointly accomplish many more exciting and innovative projects in the future.

Doppelmayr USA

Founded: 1982

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

Headcount: 200

Core market: USA

Role: Project engineering, sales, production, installation, start-up, customer service, training

Milestone projects

1981: World's first detachable quad chairlift – Ski Corporation Breckenridge, Colorado

1986: World's first 8-passenger monocable gondola lift – Steamboat, Colorado

1999: Mandalay Bay Tram (Cable Liner) – Las Vegas, Nevada

2006: Marquam Hill (reversible aerial tramway) – Portland, Oregon

2014: Oakland Airport Connector (Cable Liner) – Oakland Airport, Oakland

2014: Hogwarts Express (funicular) – Universal Studios Theme Park Orlando, Florida

2018: Ramcharger 8 (D-Line chairlift) – Big Sky Resort, Montana

The Doppelmayr Group

The Doppelmayr Group represents quality, technology and market leadership in the construction of ropeway systems for passenger and material transport as well as high-tech intralogistics solutions. The company looks back on 130 years of corporate history and a century of experience in the planning, development, design, production, and construction of ropeways. This proven technology and the reliability it provides have made ropeways a popular and high-performance means of transport in skiing and recreation regions and, to an increasing extent, also in cities.

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