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Energy Consumption in Linstow Center Management Shopping Centres Has Almost Halved

Linstow Center Management (LCM), real estate developer and operator, has reduced electricity and heating consumption by almost 50% in some Galactico shopping centres through implementation of the efficient energy use program.

In five *Galactico* shopping centres, *Alfa*, *Galerija Centrs*, *Mols*, *Dole* and *Origo*, an efficient energy use plan is being implemented and, as a result of that, total energy consumption has decreased by 39.1% on average and in some shopping centres it decreased even further, by 47.3% in *Mols* and by 43.9% in *Galerija Centrs*, even since the program was introduced. The energy efficiency program has been under implementation since 2008 and it also covers evaluation of cleaning and maintenance as well as working principles of security systems.

“Efficient energy management is the responsibility of *Linstow Center Management* for global commitments relating to environmental issues and business counterparties. Total savings minimise technical costs of each lessee of the shopping centres as well. Due to advanced building management systems with a wide range of programming, we can more efficiently control lighting, ventilation and heating. An important factor not be forgotten is that daily routines of people have also undergone changes over the years, and this has led to even further cut in consumption, retaining the same comfort level,” says Evija Majevska, Commercial Director of Shopping Centres, *Linstow Center Management*.

A series of energy saving measures have been taken in all shopping centres, such as LEDs used in façade advertising light boxes and lighting, with their operation hours adjusted to the dark time of day. Switch on/ off of lighting in auxiliary premises is controlled by motion sensors. Ventilation systems are regulated depending on air quality, outdoor temperature and number of customers. Flow rate in taps is adjusted to the saving mode of no more than nine litres per minute. Customers are also informed by means of announcements and invited to treat joint saving measures responsibly.

Until now, the energy efficiency program implemented by *Linstow Center Management* has proven to be a significant step in the process of obtaining the certificate of energy management system standard ISO 50001:2011, to be finalised by the end of this year. The standard stipulates certification of management system in line with international practice and energy-policy improvement requirements for the company to be met in the long term. Introduction of the standard will lead to productivity growth, cut in energy costs, boost of customer confidence in the company and ensure compliance with the current and future energy efficiency plans.

SLA Linstow Center Management, the Galactico shopping centre developer (Alfa, Origo, Galerija Centrs, Mols, and Dole Shopping Centres) and real estate operator, has already been operating in Latvia for 19 years. Total floor space of shopping centres managed by LCM in Latvia amounts to 230,000 m² and 329,000 m² in all Baltic countries (LCM is also the operator of Ülemiste, the largest shopping centre in Estonia).

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