



## Donges SteelTec goes for HiCAD after benchmark test



The Donges SteelTec GmbH, one of the leading German steelwork companies, has recently decided to acquire the CAD system HiCAD by ISD. After extensive expert talks and a benchmark comparison with other market-leading systems, HiCAD prevailed over its competitors due to its impressive scope of 3-D steel engineering functions and its great user-friendliness. An equally decisive factor was the direct contact to the ISD – a supplier that could offer a comprehensive range of services while enabling a direct and uncomplicated exchange of information with its customers.

Before a definite decision was reached, however, the CAD system had to pass an on-road test. The demands on the system were indeed high: Donges' range of services runs the whole gamut from factory halls, administration buildings, bridges, hangars, stadiums and sports halls to power plant buildings. Therefore, the ISD software was installed on a workplace at Donges, and HiCAD was thoroughly tested by directly applying it to current engineering projects. In the process, the intelligent steel

engineering joints, the handling and fitting tools for beams and plates as well as the numerous automatisms for identical part search, itemisation, BOM creation, workshop and detail drawing creation proved to be outstanding features of the software.

Chief designer Jörg Schlegel explains: "We wanted to be sure that our new system would meet the requirements of our steel engineering constructions. HiCAD offers, besides its very powerful 3-D steel engineering solution, a truly unique 2-D/3-D associativity. In addition, the open architecture of HiCAD enables us to optimally adapt the system to our individual requirements. The developers from ISD reacted to our wishes for further enhancement of the steel engineering functionality very promptly and with particular commitment."

For an internationally active company like Donges, a smooth data exchange is, of course, absolutely essential to an efficient project handling. HiCAD supports all important steel engineering interfaces as well as many interfaces with other systems. These options in conjunction with the open architecture of the system allow a seamless integration of HiCAD into the software environment at Donges SteelTec.

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#### Donges SteelTec GmbH

- Industry: Steel engineering
- Software: HiCAD
- Products: Hangars, factory halls, sports halls, power plant buildings, bridges, railway station halls
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