

Junkers-ensemble in Dessau under serious threat !

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To whom this may concern,

Hugo Junkers is famous as a pioneer of the aircraft construction and as an innovative entrepreneur. The two listed buildings of the Junkers factories are important milestones, both in the history of Dessau and the industrial history of Germany. The modular steel member system hall, developed and built here in 1927 and the modern administrative building from 1934 - 36 are unique documents for the operations of Hugo Junkers and also for an important part of the industrial history, here to be seen in their original, authentic location.

Both buildings are examples of a locally anchored, but in case of the modular steel member system hall also internationally emitting modernism, however, always in the shade of nearby Bauhaus and Meisterhäuser in Dessau, they need to be seen in this context. They are striking examples of the architectural and industrial history of the modernism. In addition they are essential in generating identity for the city of Dessau. The modular steel member system hall was developed and built here on site of the Hugo Junkers-Kaloriferwerk and exported from here throughout the whole world, for example to Sao Paulo to build a railway station, to Los Angeles to build a Coca – Cola factory, to London to build a hangar, to New York to build parking lots. The administrative building has a steel skeleton with hung up floors in the American fashion, with brick cladding on the facade.

In recent years, modern architecture has been rediscovered and established in public consciousness. There are both international and local examples which can show successful ways for approaching the preservation of monuments of modernism in a thoughtful and professional way. Examples include the factory van Nelle in Rotterdam, the mining ensemble Zeche Zollverein in Essen or the Fagus Werke in Alfeld. In Dessau itself we find international recognition for some sensitive and approved methods of restoration in compliance with state of the art preservation guidelines, i.e. with the sensitive restoration of `Bauhaus`, `die Meisterhäuser`, the former employment office, `Arbeitsamt` or `Bundesschule ADGB` in Bernau.

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do_co,mo.mo Germany has observed the recent events concerning the **listed Junkers ensemble** on ground of former Hugo Junkers-Kaloriferwerke in Dessau with alarming concern. Although these are monuments of modern architecture whose significance extends far beyond the city of Dessau, we are facing the fact, that firms have already been contracted to carry out not only the demolition of the surrounding production halls, but also the demolition of both monuments.

Therefore we are turning help-searching to the public to gain more attention for the importance of both monuments in order **to prevent the impending demolition**.

A further aim of our petition is to request that the city of Dessau, **generate a sustainable concept of adaptive reuse, developed by stated experts, based as well on comprehensive investigations as on construction history and materiality**.

do_co, mo.mo Germany is asking for your support. Please sign this petition and, if you wish, contribute a donation for an information board on site (see attached).

Sincerely yours

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do_co, mo.mo Deutschland e.V., Executive Board

I support the above claims of **do_co, mo.mo** Germany.

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Please fill in this form and send by fax or e-mail by March 10th 2010:

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Thank you !

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Bogen-Stahllamellenhalle und Verwaltungsbau der Junkerswerke vom Abriss bedroht

Arched modular steel member hall construction and office building of the Junker factories under threat of demolition

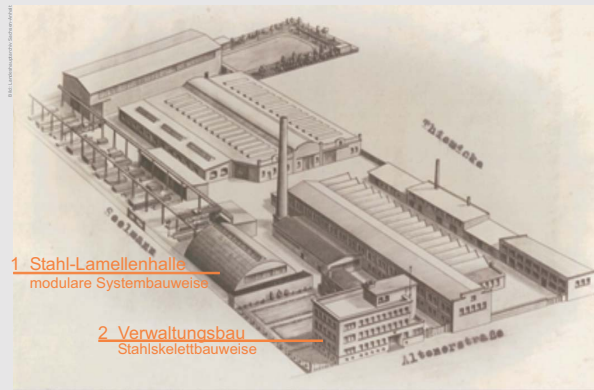
Junkers Produktionsanlagen am Originalstandort

Junkers factory ensemble in its original location



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Junkers - Werke, Übersichtsplanorama
Junkers factories, panoramic view



1 Stahl-Lamellenhalle
modulare Systembauweise

2 Verwaltungsbau
Stahlskelettbauweise

Ehemaliges Kaloriferwerk, Hugo Junkers
Former Kalorifer-factory, Hugo Junkers

1 Stahl-Lamellenhalle 1927 steel member system hall



Junkers - Werbeplakat im Zeitgeist der 1920-er Jahre,
zeigt ein bauzeitliches Bild der Stahl-Lamellenhalle.
Die Halle ist heute jedoch in sanierungsbedürftigem Zustand.

Junkers advertisement in the spirit of its time,
showing a steel member system hall under construction.
Today, the hall is in need of restoration.



Patent: Hugo Junkers auf Basis des Systems von Friedrich Zollinger
hier: Montage des modularen Stahllamellensystems, welches auch für Garagen,
Flugzeughangars, Sportbauten und Bahnhöfe in alle Welt von hier aus exportiert wurde

Patent: Hugo Junkers based on modular systems by Friedrich Zollinger
here: assembly of modular steel member system, exported from here worldwide, in
example for garages, hangars, sport buildings and railway stations

2 Verwaltungsbau 1934-1936 office building



Treppenhause, heute in sanierungsbedürftigem Zustand
Stairwell, today in need of restoration



Verwaltungsbau, heute in sanierungsbedürftigem Zustand
Office building, today in need of restoration

Hugo Junkers ist als Pionier im Flugzeugbau und als innovativer Unternehmer bekannt. Die Bauten der Junkerswerke sind bedeutende Meilensteine für die Dessauer Stadtgeschichte und für die Industriegeschichte in Deutschland. Die 1927 hier konzipierte und erstmalig gebaute modulare Stahl-Lamellenhalle und der 1934-36 entstandene, moderne Verwaltungsbau in Stahlskelettbauweise mit Backsteinfassade sind einmalige Dokumente für das Wirken von Hugo Junkers und für einen wichtigen Teil der hier vor Ort noch original und authentisch erhaltenen Industriegeschichte.

Für den Erhalt dieses einzigartigen, kulturellen und architektonisch bedeutenden Erbes der Moderne setzen sich ein:

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For preservation of this unique cultural, architectural important heritage of modernism speaking up:

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