

thyssenkrupp Elevator to pursue LEED v4 certification for its new Innovation and Qualification Center in Atlanta

- Boasting the tallest elevator test tower in the Western Hemisphere at 420 feet, the IQC will be the cornerstone of thyssenkrupp Elevator's new North American headquarters in Atlanta
- The global urban mobility leader's LEED v4 certification pursuit continues thyssenkrupp's commitment to improving green building transportation worldwide

ATLANTA (August 6, 2019) – thyssenkrupp Elevator has announced it will pursue LEED v4 certification for its new Innovation and Qualification Center (IQC) in Atlanta. The IQC, which will be Cobb County's tallest building at 420 feet tall when completed in 2021, will include a state-of-the-art elevator test tower and will be part of thyssenkrupp Elevator's new three-building North American headquarters near The Battery Atlanta.

Created by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. thyssenkrupp Elevator has contributed to hundreds of buildings worldwide earning LEED distinctions of varying levels, and was recognized by BuildingGreen as a [Top Product for 2018](#) due in part to its leadership in LEED v4, specifically.

“Being responsible corporate citizens goes well beyond how we approach our products, it's embedded in everything we do as an organization,” said Steve Wedge, CFO and Interim CEO of thyssenkrupp Elevator Americas. “thyssenkrupp takes tremendous pride in our company-wide sustainability efforts and pushing green buildings to be the most environmentally friendly they can be, and the IQC will serve as yet another example of that commitment.”

With 18 shafts, the elevator test tower will be used to trial new concepts and product pilots, including high-speed elevators and TWIN, thyssenkrupp's unique elevator system that features two cabins working independently in one shaft. The IQC will also eventually test MULTI, the revolutionary rope-less and sideways-moving elevator system. In addition, the test tower will conduct robust tests to ensure compliance with stringent safety requirements on standard elevators.

The thyssenkrupp Elevator North American headquarters will be home to more than 900 full-time employees across three facilities. In March 2019, employees started moving into the Business Headquarters (BHQ) in nearby Pennant Park, and a Corporate Headquarters (CHQ) will be built adjacent to the IQC with completion expected in 2021.

Although a full move-in is still a few years away, thyssenkrupp Elevator is already helping surrounding communities in the Atlanta area improve their energy efficiency and sustainability efforts.

Earlier this year, thyssenkrupp Elevator Sustainable Design Manager, Monica Miller Brown, spoke at Sustainable Smyrna, the City of Smyrna's sustainability planning event. Miller Brown, widely considered one of the leading green building and sustainability experts in the world, discussed how thyssenkrupp Elevator is taking steps in transforming urban mobility and how that applies to surrounding communities. In addition, she discussed advanced solutions transforming the building sector in energy, resiliency and resource efficiency, including innovative ways to enhance the customer experience.

thyssenkrupp has firmly distinguished itself in the world of elevator sustainability by becoming the first elevator company to retrofit existing elevators to achieve net-zero energy. thyssenkrupp was also the first elevator company to prioritize material transparency, publishing an Environmental Product Declaration as well as meeting or exceeding the most stringent industry standards, including Cradle to Cradle, the Living Building Challenge, and LEED.

thyssenkrupp is also the first and only elevator company with Declare labels as well as Bronze and Platinum Cradle to Cradle Material Health Certificates. On top of that, thyssenkrupp Elevator also discloses ingredients in its cabs and entrances down to 1,000 ppm per its Health Product Declaration, all manufactured in a LEED Gold certified facility in Middleton, Tennessee.

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To view [renderings](#) of the Innovation and Qualification Center, please click the hyperlinks (credit: thyssenkrupp Elevator). Videos are available for download [here](#).

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thyssenkrupp Elevator brings together the Group's global activities in passenger transportation systems. With sales of €7.6 billion in fiscal 2017/2018 and customers in 150 countries, thyssenkrupp Elevator built its position as one of the world's leading elevator companies from scratch in a mere 40 years' time applying thyssenkrupp unique engineering capabilities. With more than 50,000 highly skilled employees, the company offers smart and innovative products and

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services designed to meet customers' individual requirements. The portfolio includes passenger and freight elevators, escalators and moving walks, passenger boarding bridges, stair and platform lifts as well as tailored service solutions for all products. Over 1,000 locations around the world provide an extensive sales and service network to guarantee closeness to customers.

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Together with our customers we develop competitive solutions for future challenges in their respective industries. With our engineering expertise we enable our customers to gain an edge in the global market and manufacture innovative products in a cost- and resource-friendly way. Our technologies and innovations are the key to meeting diverse customer and market requirements around the world, growing on the markets of the future, and generating strong and stable earnings, cash flows and value growth.

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