



*Dieser „Highway to Hell“
lädt zu häufigerem Fahren ein.*

Van Helsing's Factory

Movie Park Germany recently opened its latest attraction just in time for its 15th birthday. On June 18th, almost 15 years to the day since the park opened (as Warner Bros. Movie World at that time), today's Movie Park General Manager Wouter Dekkers gave the start signal for "Van Helsing's Factory", a Gerstlauer Rides rollercoaster. The ride is located in the 3,000 square meter hall that was formerly home to the "Grem-lins Invasion" dark ride. In recent seasons this hall was only used during the Halloween season.

The Spanish park chain Parques Reunidos decided to take over Movie Park

in 2010. A precise target group analysis and the magnetic appeal of the park's annual Halloween event led to the realization that a rollercoaster with a horror theme would be an ideal combination. To maximize the effect of the coaster's thematization for all the passengers, individual carriages were chosen over longer coaster trains.

Gerstlauer's Bobsled Coaster, introduced as a prototype in 1998 as "G'sengte Sau" in Tripsdrill, proved to be the ideal rollercoaster carriage for the Movie Park attraction. Wouter Dekkers explained the choice of Gerstlauer, saying "Gerstlauer demonstrated the most intelligent, quickest handling of the situation, which only underscored

our ultimate decision to go with a Bobsled Coaster designed according to our wishes".

Joshua Wexler from Threshold Animation Studios and Hollywood author Robert Henny were assigned with the job of creating an appropriate storyline and storyboard for the attraction in only a short time. Many parts of the bid book developed by P&P Projects were reproduced with astonishing accuracy. TAA was chosen to convert the ride itself and the neighboring music club, which opened at the beginning of the season as "Van Helsing's Club". The vampire hunter Van Helsing is a fictitious figure that has been referenced again and again by several authors.

The hall's exterior now looks like an abandoned American garage from the late 1950s. Video monitors outside already tease visitors with reports of strange happenings. Guests entering "Van Helsing's Factory" are given a load of detailed information and are asked by van Helsing for help hunting down vampires.

Inside, the rollercoaster carriages take off every 19 seconds with squealing "tires". The chain lift that follows leads

