

EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK HEADQUARTERS – FRANKFURT, GERMANY

Location: Holzmannstraße, Frankfurt / Main / Germany

Classification: highrise tower foundation

Dimension: Height of Towers: 165/185 m

Construction period: October 2008 – December 2011

The Skytower is a proposed building complex located in the eastern part of Frankfurt, Germany. It includes a 185-meter-skyscraper which will be the new headquarter for the European Central Bank (ECB). The domicile of the ECB needs to be within the city limits of Frankfurt, the largest financial centre in the Eurozone, as it was declared by the Amsterdam Treaty.



In 1999, an international architectural competition was launched by the bank to design a new building. It was won by a Vienna-based architectural office called Coop Himmelbau. The building will be approximately 185 meters tall and will be accompanied by other secondary buildings on a landscaped site on the site of the former wholesale market (Großmarkthalle) in the eastern part of Frankfurt. The main construction work was planned to commence in October 2008, with completion scheduled for before the end of 2011. The project was put on hold in June 2008.

It is expected that the building will become an architectural symbol for Europe and is designed to cope with double the number of staff who operate in the Eurotower.

Geomesstec here installed some borehole rod extensometer in order to monitor the settlement of the soil due to the building construction.