

## **BND Construction Site "Chausseestrasse"**

On 10 April 2003, the Federal Security Council decided to concentrate the BND in Berlin, the seat of the Federal Government. On the basis of this decision, major components of the BND headquarters will be shifted from Pullach, Bavaria, to downtown Berlin.

To this end, a new building complex is being erected in the area of the former "Stadion der Weltjugend" (Stadium of the World Youth) on Chausseestrasse. This complex will have a gross building floor area of 260,000 square metres, where up to 4,000 BND staff members will be working as from 2013.

The preparatory work for this major construction site had begun as early as 2006. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on 19 October 2006, the foundation stone was laid on 07 May 2008, and the topping-out ceremony is scheduled for the end of the first quarter of 2010.

The new complex of buildings will consist of a central administration building with basement, ground floor and another seven floors, a technology and logistics centre (including a multi-storey car park) in the north as well as a school, a residential school and a visitors centre in the south.

The renaturation of the Panke River west of the premises will create the public Pankepark as an additional "green spot" in the heart of Berlin.