



Hydropower Plant

Tosbotn, Norway

Architect Stein hamre arkitektkontor as, Mo i Rana, Norway

Facade Largo Swisspearl Carat Anthracite 7024
Largo Swisspearl Carat Anthracite 7025

Location Verkstaedi Tosbotn, 8960 Velfjord, Norwegen

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Type of Building Industry

SWISSPEARL



Situated near Tosen Fjord in a remote part of Norway, Storelva hydropower plant was designed by Stein Hamre arkitektkontor, not only as a power plant, but also as a hiking destination and tourist attraction.

The power plant is situated beneath a waterfall on open solid bedrock. To echo this, Stein Hamre has conceived the building as a massive rock. In order to emphasize its mass, the building is completely clad in horizontal layers of Swisspearl panels in different shades of dark gray, with thin fissures of horizontal strips of glass dispersed across the facades. The glass in the fissures has a high reflection quotient, thus mirroring the natural surroundings, which change throughout the day depending on the natural light.

