



# Campus Solution: the Case of the Debrecen University Libraries

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# Historical background

Debrecen, the second largest city in Hungary

- ❖ intellectual centre
- ❖ higher education from 1538  
(Protestant College)





# History of the University

- University of Debrecen (UD) established in 1912
- The 3 former faculties (humanities, law, and science) of the Protestant College merged + faculty of medicine
- 1948-49: Higher Education Reform: self-contained universities
- 1990: 5 independent institutions of higher education
- Negotiations for reuniting and integrating the segregated universities



# The University of Debrecen

Debrecen University Association founded in 1991

Objective: parity with European universities

Shared projects completed by the end of 1997:

- ❖ integrated campus telephone system and computer network
- ❖ centralised, computer-based information network for student registration and finance administration
- ❖ integrated library system for the affiliated libraries



# Higher Education Act , 1998

32 state universities → 13 integrated institutions

UD established January 1, 2000: with 15 faculties

1,700 teaching/research staff, 27,000 students

Institutional Development Plan (IDP) 1998: cross-utilization of staff and facilities

Construction of the Life Science Building and Library

Potential for future program development and enrollment growth for Social Sciences



# History of the Library

- 1918: the University Library opens to the public
- Holdings in 1918: 10,000 volumes
- 1952: deposit library status
- 1997: *national library* status
- 1987: university church converted into a library building



# Library Integration

January 1, 2001, University and National Library

Public Library with a national collection development policy

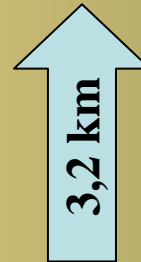
Centre of the National Document Delivery System in Hungary

Current holdings: 6,000,000

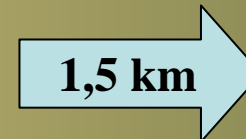
Periodical collection: 6,000 titles



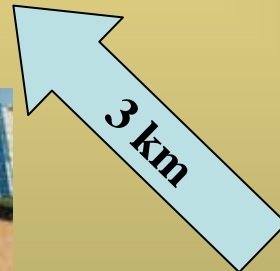
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Economics/Law**



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**Campus of  
Engeneering**



**MAIN CAMPUS**



**Campus of  
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# Members of the library organization (2001)

## National and General Collection

- ❖ Holdings: 4,300,000 documents
- ❖ Premises: 6,415 square meters

## Library of Agriculture

- ❖ Holdings: 170,000 documents
- ❖ Premises: 865 square meters



# Members of the library organization (2001)

## Kenézy Medical Library

- ❖ Holdings: 190,000 documents
- ❖ Premises: 750 square meters

## Library of Economics

- ❖ Holdings: 15,000 documents
- ❖ Premises: 180 square meters



# Members of the library organization (2001)

## Library of the Faculty of Engineering

- ❖ Holdings: 65,000 documents
- ❖ Premises: 482 square meters

## Library of the Teacher Training College

- ❖ Holdings: 40,000 documents
- ❖ Premises: 414 square meters



# Members of the library organization (2001)

- ❖ Music Conservatory Library
- ❖ Holdings: 58,000 documents
- ❖ Premises: 200 square meters



# Library organization

136 affiliated branch libraries with individual collections → uneconomical and difficult to operate

Developmental project: to improve and harmonize library structure and work flow based on a matrix-type arrangement



# Library development program

Library environment: flexibility for moving and regrouping literature, open-shelf reading rooms and diverse options of study spaces

Library system: self-contained and integrated special collections (life science, agriculture, economics and law, technical sciences) should be created

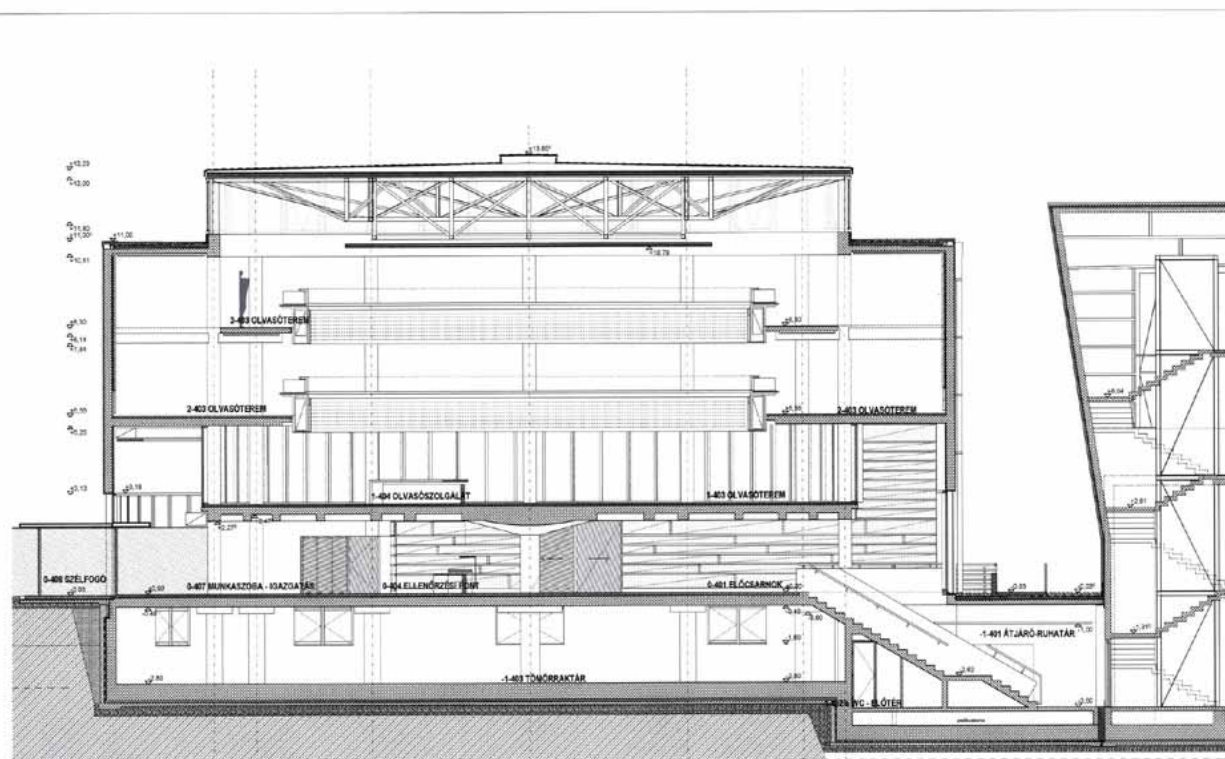


# New Library Projects

- ❖ Social Science Library (2002-)  
1760 sq. meters; holdings: 180,000;  
160 seats
- ❖ Life Science Library (2005-)  
3600 sq. meters; holdings: 320,000;  
210 seats



# Library of the Social Sciences



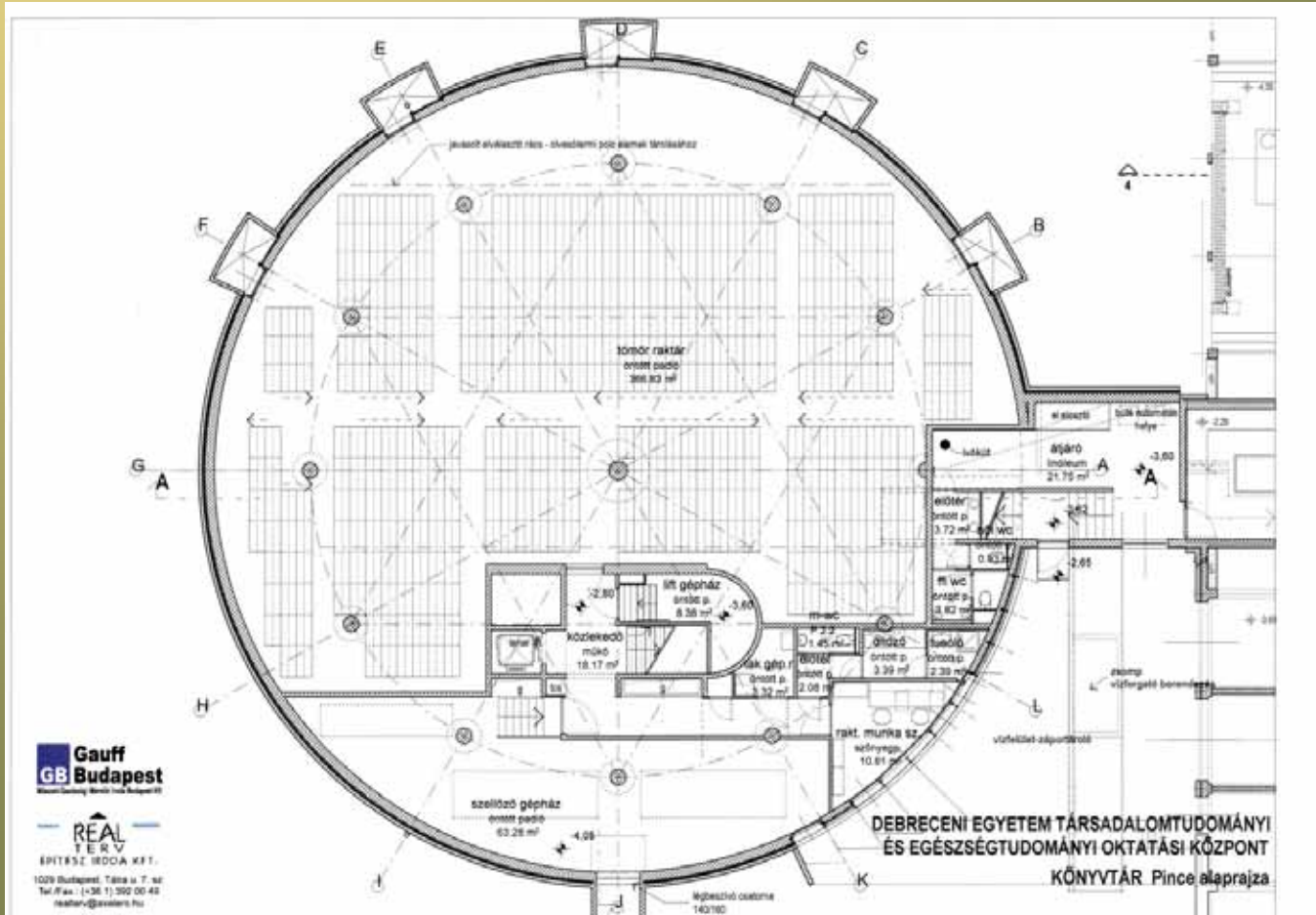
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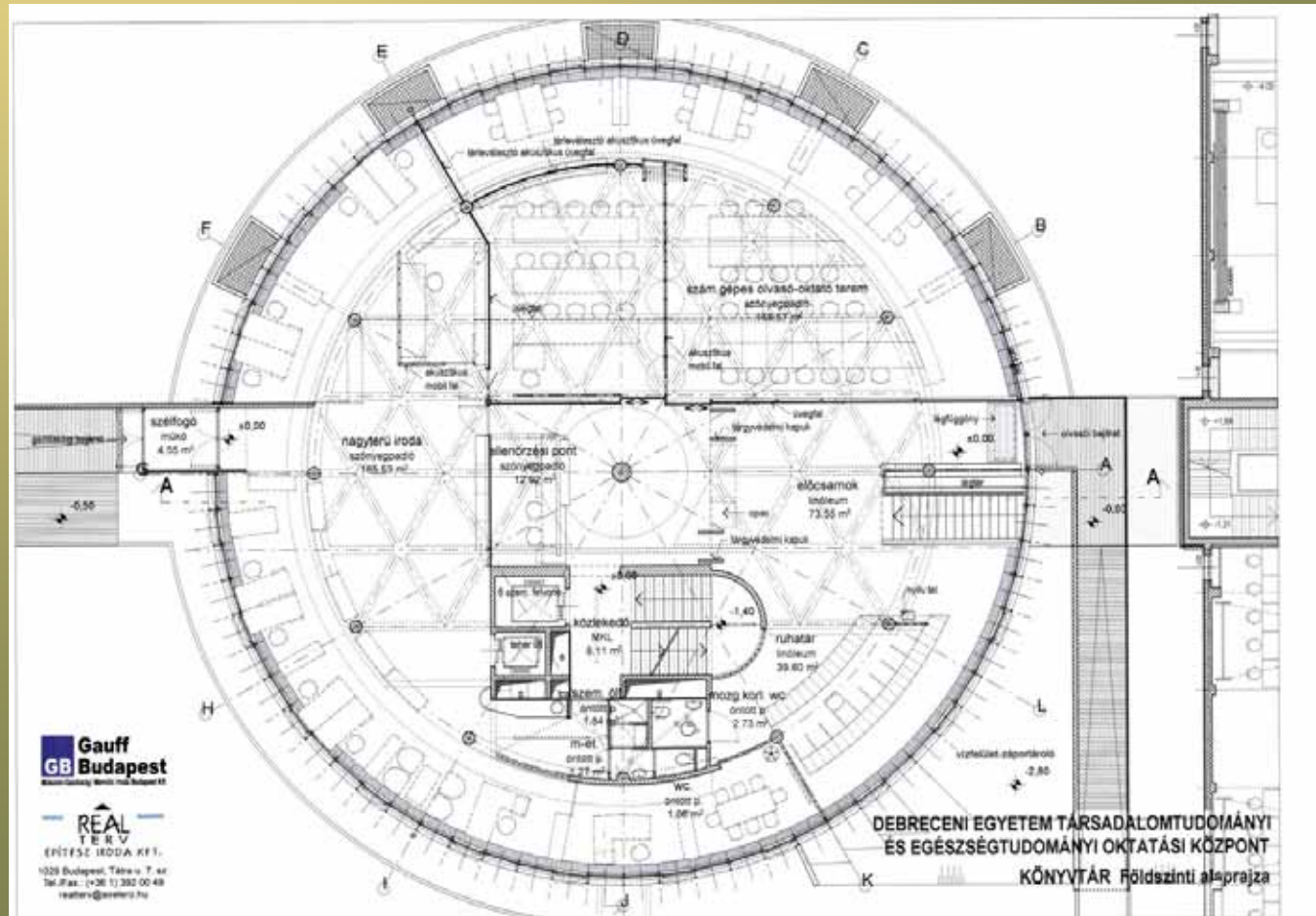


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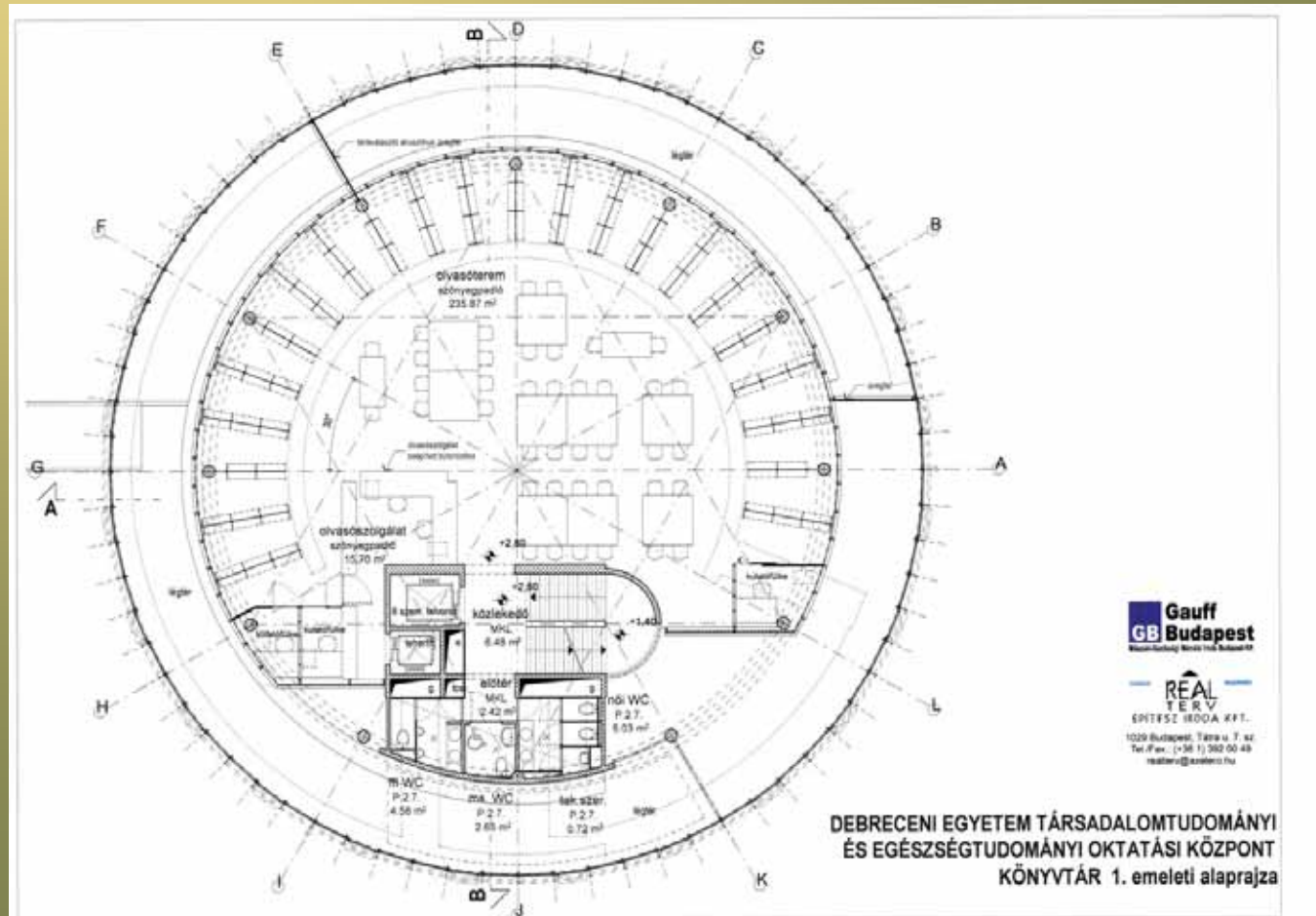
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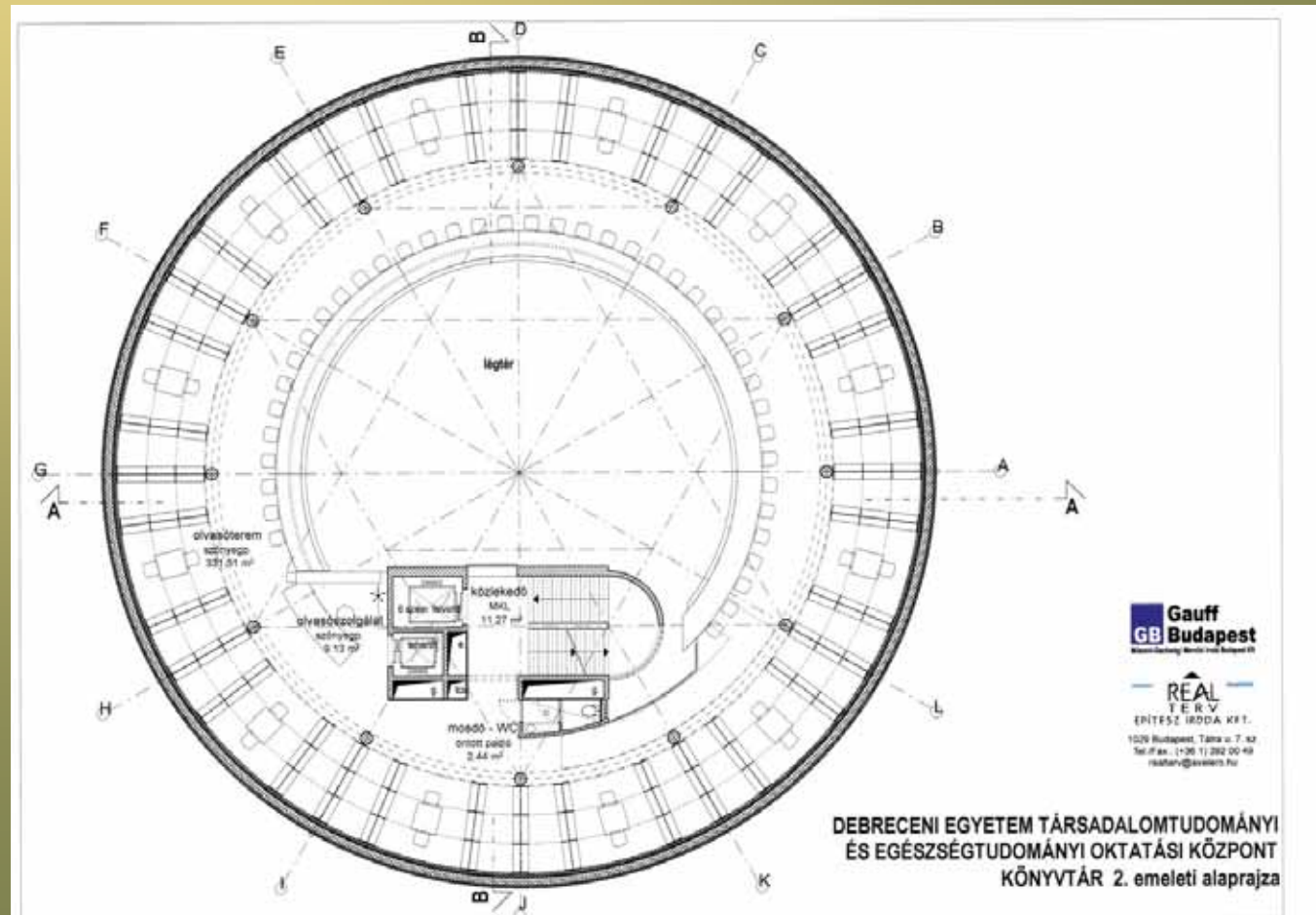
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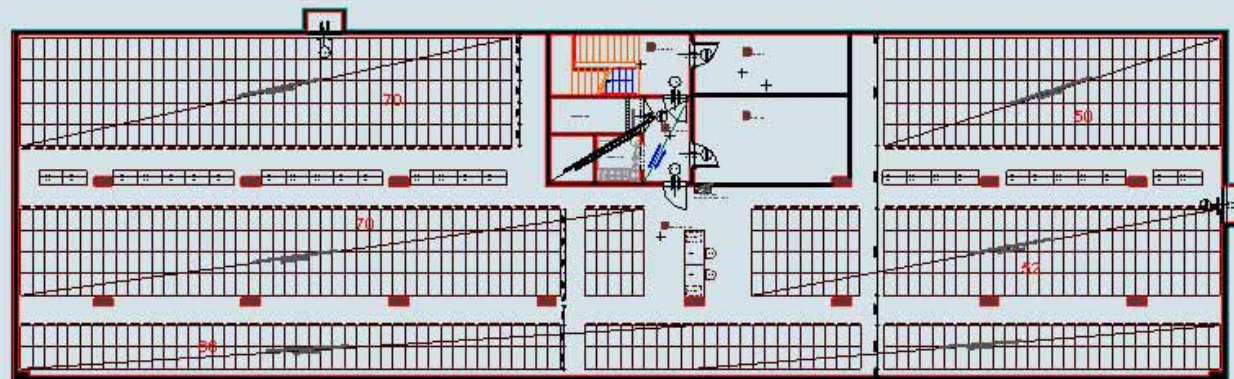




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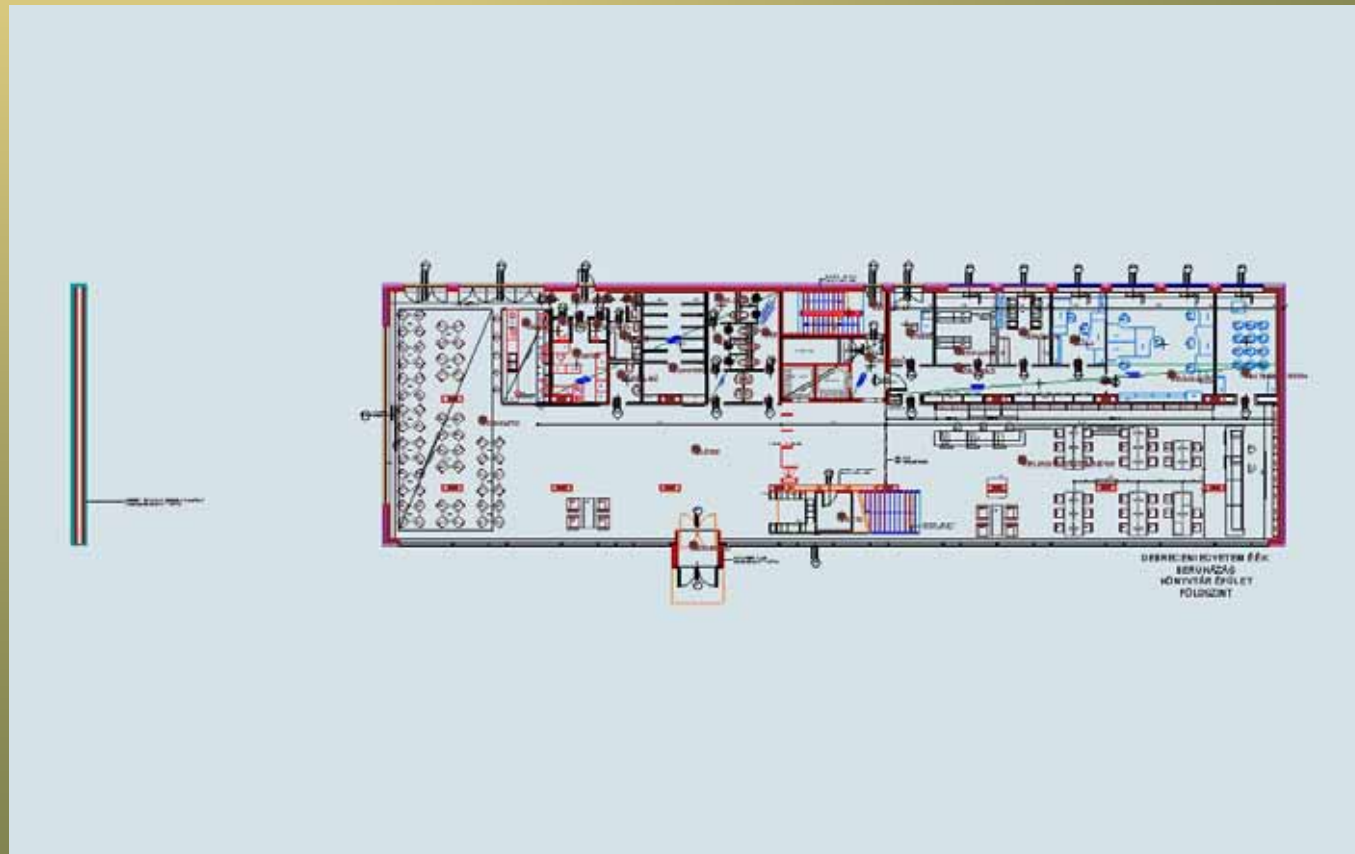
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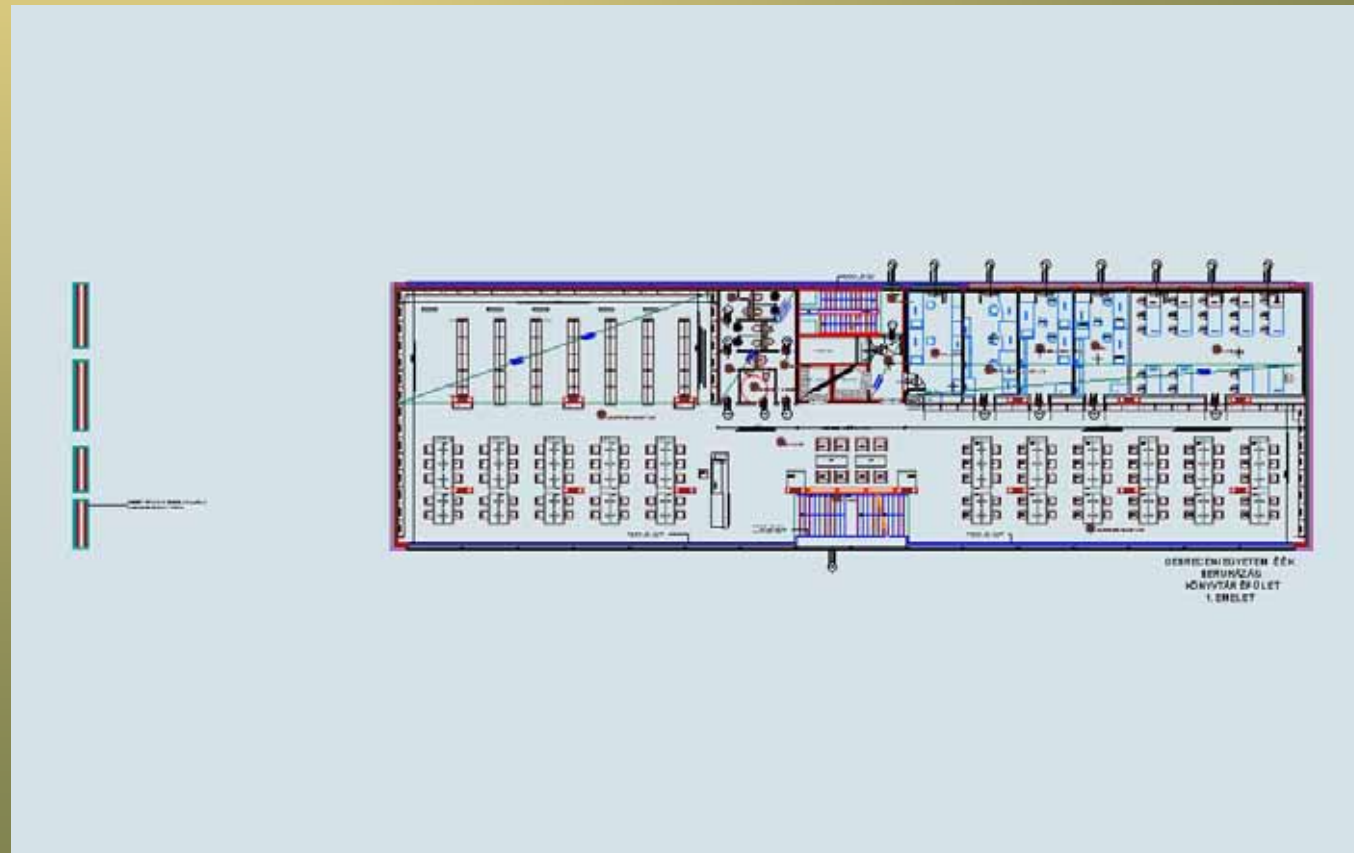


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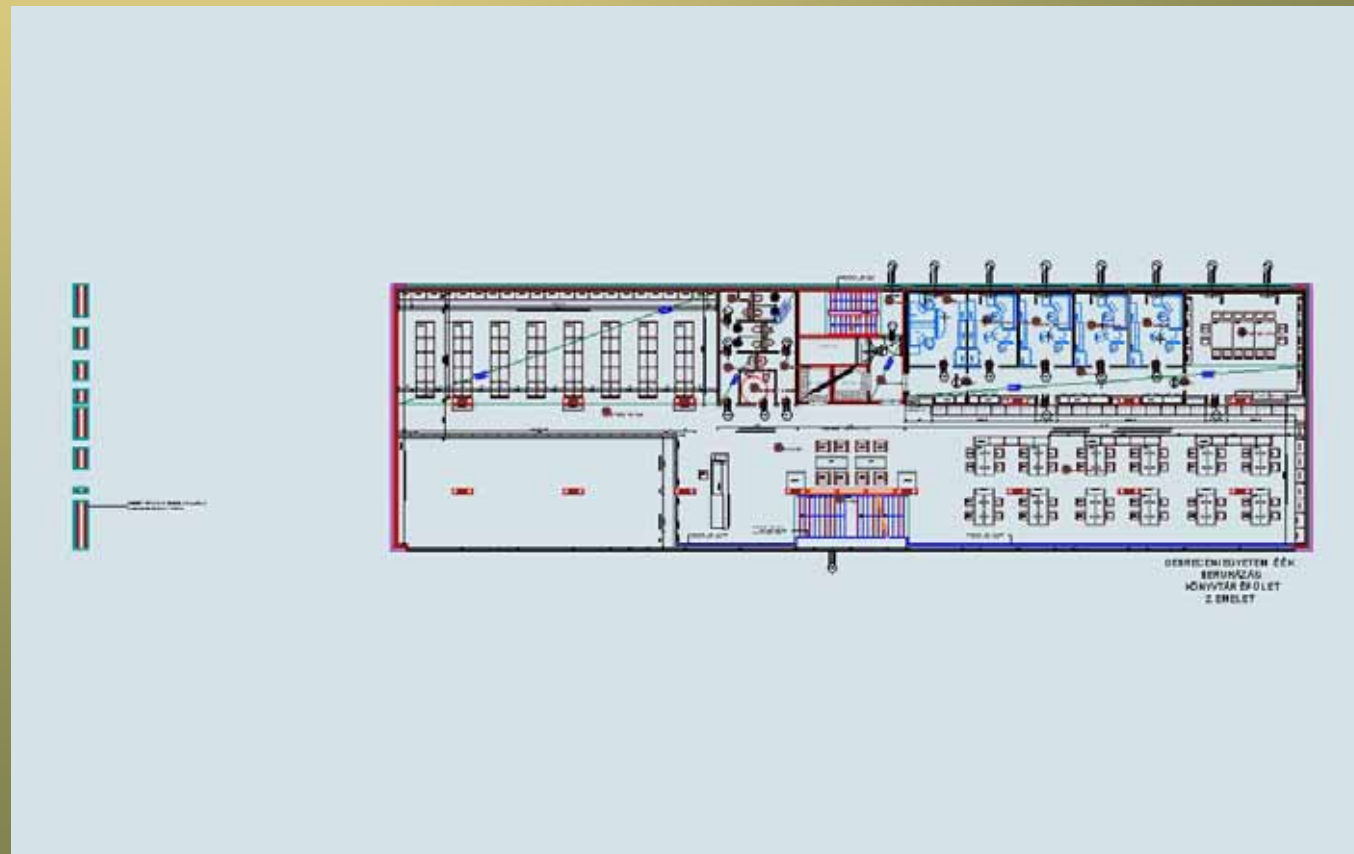


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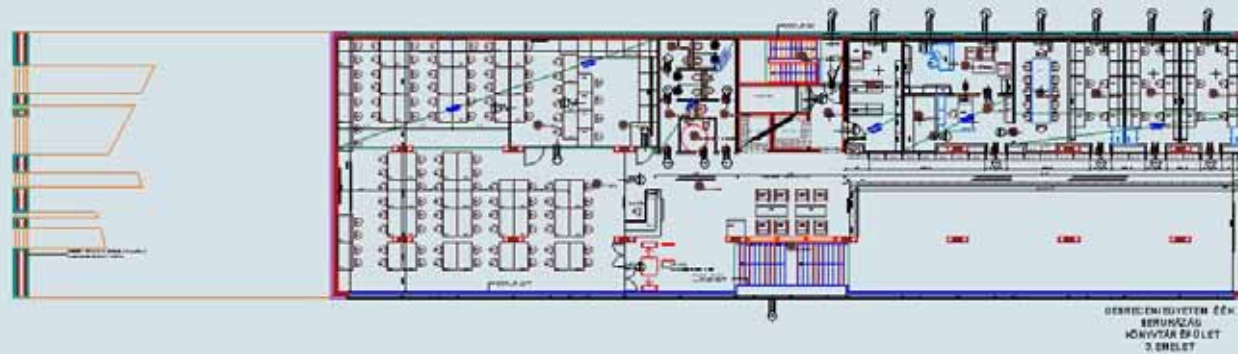
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