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### **Merger of Maag Pump Systems and Automatik Plastics Machinery**

**Switzerland-based Maag Pump Systems AG is merging with Germany-based Automatik Plastics Machinery GmbH. This means the formation of the worldwide leading group for systems and components for manufacturing and processing plastics.**

Oberglatt/Grossostheim, June 7th 2010 – Through the merger, Maag Pump Systems and Automatik Plastics Machinery will decisively reinforce their market position with round 460 employees and a turnover of about 100 m euros. On-site presence is being nearly doubled and now comprises over 100 countries. The group is thus in an ideal position for serving its customers across the globe.

Maag Pump Systems is one of the largest providers worldwide for gear pumps, filtration systems and screen changers for the plastics industry, as well as for chemical and industrial processes. Automatik Plastics Machinery is the leader in pelletising systems for manufacturing plastic pellets. Both companies will appear on the market under their existing brand names for the time being. The new group is headed by Ueli Thürig, the CEO of Maag Pump Systems AG. "With the merger, we can offer customers high-quality components and complete, integrated systems for plastic processing. We are thus becoming the largest provider in this segment worldwide", explained Ueli Thürig. The new group is planning to increase current turnover by more than 50 percent by 2012. This is supposed to be achieved primarily thanks to a new, customer-oriented business



Ueli Thuerig, CEO Maag Holding

model. The key markets should to be optimally covered with customer-specific solutions, quicker service and focussed engineering.

"We've been working together on projects for different customers for many years. The merger is a logical consequence of the complementary product ranges of the two companies", explained Roger Stehr, CEO of Automatik Holding. In coming weeks, integration projects will be carried out in both companies. The objective is to be able to serve the customer better. These projects will not result in employee cutbacks. To the contrary, the staff is even supposed to be expanded in individual regions.



Roger Stehr, CEO Automatik Holding

The production plant in Grossostheim will also serve in the future as a central location for the installation of complete systems, repairs and services. "The location in Germany is ideal, since many of our OEM partners for plastic processing also have their headquarters here. Now we can offer them complete system integration consisting of gear pumps, screen changers, pelletising systems and automation units from a single source", explained Roger Stehr. The four other production locations in Switzerland, Italy, the USA and China are also remaining in operation. Assembly is supposed to be further expanded in Shanghai due to the great potential of the Chinese market. Moreover, the group is present at another five locations with its own branches and worldwide with agencies in over 100 countries.

The previous investment companies are remaining holders of the new group, each with a 50 percent share. Automatik Plastics Machinery has belonged to the Private Equity Organisation CGS Management in Pfäffikon (Switzerland) since November 2008. Maag Pump Systems has been a part of the Private Equity section of Scotland-based Clyde Blowers since the end of 2008.

### **About Maag Pump Systems**

Maag Pump Systems AG has its headquarters in Oberglatt (CH) and is based on the gear company founded in 1913 by Max Maag. Maag Pump Systems manufactures gear pumps, filtration systems and screen changers for demanding applications in the plastics, chemical and pharmaceutical industries, and has about 240 employees.

### **About Automatik Plastics Machinery**

Automatik Plastics Machinery GmbH was founded in 1947 and specialises in strand and underwater pelletising systems. The company with headquarters in Grossostheim (Germany) was present on the market as Rieter-Automatik until being bought out by CGS. Automatik Plastics Machinery has about 220 employees.

### **About Clyde Blowers**

Clyde Blowers is a private, industrial corporate conglomerate with headquarters in Glasgow, Scotland and operates in the business sectors cleantech, oil and gas, mines and metals, logistics, pump technology, gear technology and hydraulics. Clyde Blowers owns and develops industrial shareholdings directly or via its own private equity funds. Maag Pump Systems has been owned by Clyde Blowers Capital Fund since the end of 2008.

### **About CGS Management**

CGS Management, with headquarters in the Swiss town of Pfäffikon, is involved with medium-sized industrial companies that operate in particular clusters, such as plastics production, mechanical engineering, or electronics and engineering. CGS Private Equity Partnership II concentrates on industry companies with a turnover of between 10 and 80 m CHF.