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Schunk Group expands its presence in the USA

Schunk Group has purchased Envirotronics Inc. and its subsidiaries in its entirety, with the deal being finalised on the 1st of June 2008. Envirotronics Inc. is a leading US manufacturer of climate chambers, and this acquisition represents a further expansion of the global presence of Schunk's Weiss Technik division. Agreement has been reached to maintain silence with regard to the purchasing price.

"We wish to continue our expansion" said Gerhard Federer, Chairman of Schunk Group Management, as he welcomed the purchase in the USA. "With its engineering, production, sales and service know-how, Weiss Technik makes an important contribution to ensuring the Schunk Group business base in the long term".

Located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Envirotronics was established in 1979. Previously a proprietor-owned group, it consists of six individual companies with about 115 employees and a consolidated turnover of about 20 million USD (2007). The two previous owners have decided to retire from the business of running the companies.

The scope of services provided concentrates primarily on the realisation of technologically-sophisticated climate chambers tailored to suit individual customer wishes and, to a lesser degree, standard climate chambers. Top products include speed coolers, shakers and HALT/HASS systems. These superior quality units are utilised for inspection and test procedures in the automotive, electrical, aeronautics and pharmaceutical industries.

Envirotronics possess a broad sales and service network with its own sales companies in the USA, China, Malaysia and Singapore.

Weiss Technik is one of the core business divisions of the Schunk Group. The acquisition of Envirotronics represents a further expansion of the company's technological leadership and philosophy of customer orientation as the leading global provider in the field of environmental simulation. In addition to this, access to the dollar zone sees Weiss strengthening its independence from currency exchange fluctuations and the synergies between purchasing and sales.

Press release

“This acquisition makes us the clear leader on the global market. We are delighted that, in conjunction with Envirotronics, we can now write a new chapter in the history of Weiss”, explains Dr. Arno Roth, a member of Schunk Group Management responsible for the Weiss Technik division.

The Schunk Group is an internationally active corporate group with a product and service spectrum encompassing carbon technology and ceramics, environmental simulation and air conditioning technology, sintering and ultrasonic technology. The company was founded in 1913 by Ludwig Schunk and Karl Ebe in Fulda and generated a turnover of 780 million Euro in 2007. With 60 operative subsidiaries, the Group is represented in 27 countries and employs about 7,500 personnel around the globe.

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