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Collective Commitment in the Growth Market of Photovoltaics:

THIEME and Jonas & Redmann Establish JRT Photovoltaics

Teningen/Berlin, September 2008 – The Teningen screenprinting specialist THIEME GmbH & Co. KG is strengthening its commitment in the field of photovoltaics through a cooperation, which has already existed for several years, with Jonas & Redmann Photovoltaics Production Solutions GmbH (whom produces handling systems for the photovoltaic industry with headquarters in Berlin). The two companies have now expanded to establish a joint subsidiary named JRT Photovoltaics GmbH & Co. KG. The new enterprise will develop and market innovative solutions for the production of crystalline solar cells.



The start-up company was revealed by both partners at the international photovoltaic trade fair EU PVSEC, which was held from September 1 - 4, 2008 in Valencia, Spain. Lutz Redmann, Managing Director of Jonas & Redmann, discussed with the invited guests the "highly promising new grounds" which JRT seeks to break, and described the development which led to the establishment of the joint subsidiary. Stefan Jonas, Managing Director of Jonas & Redmann, and Markus Bau, member of Thieme management and the designated Managing Director of JRT Photovoltaics, symbolically revealed a display with the company logo and a short introduction to the new enterprise. In conclusion, the Thieme Managing Director Frank Thieme introduced the collectively developed plant concept of a complete metallisation line for crystalline solar cells.

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Two strong partners, who optimally complement one another

JRT Photovoltaics combines the know-how and market experience of two strong partners: Jonas & Redmann has made a name for itself internationally as an automation partner of the photovoltaic industry; Thieme is the technology and market leader for flat bed screenprinting systems and has already been involved in the up-and-coming photovoltaic market for several years. In the new joint venture JRT Photovoltaics, the developments of the metallisation and handling technologies for the partial coating of crystalline solar cells should be advanced and the business activities expanded.

"Our respective core competencies perfectly complement one another", explains Markus Bau, who will manage the joint venture with its headquarters in Teningen. Lutz Redmann agrees: "JRT Photovoltaics will be a market partner to be reckoned with, supported by the vast experience and the dedication of two strong partners."

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September 2008 – **THIEME and Jonas & Redmann establish the JRT Photovoltaics**

At the international photovoltaic trade fair EU PVSEC in Valencia Stefan Jonas, Lutz Redmann and Frank Thieme (left to right) announced the establishment of the joint subsidiary JRT Photovoltaics. The new enterprise will further the development of innovative solutions for the production of crystalline solar cells.

(Photo: Jonas & Redmann, Berlin)

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About THIEME

The THIEME engineering works was founded in 1960 by Werner Thieme. In 1965, THIEME entered the plastics market. THIEME GmbH & Co. KG currently employs about 500 people around the world and achieved a consolidated total turnover of almost 85 million euros in 2007. The headquarters of THIEME is in Teningen, near Freiburg in South-West Germany. The company serves its customers with sales and service subsidiaries in France, Great Britain, and the United States.

The business segments "Printing systems" and "Plastics technology" are the two pillars of the company. In both sectors, THIEME is the technological market leader. The company maintains this status through dedicated development efforts that continually strengthen its positions in the respective markets.

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About Jonas & Redmann

The Jonas & Redmann Photovoltaics Production Solutions GmbH develops and produces highly efficient automation solutions for the photovoltaic industry. The wafer-preserving handling technologies of Jonas & Redmann establish global standards for the production of crystalline solar cells and assure a leading market position. With customer-specific optimised handling systems and complete handling lines, all areas of solar cell production, from the incoming inspection of the silicon wafer to the final cell classification, are well covered. In addition to its headquarters in Berlin, the enterprise, which was established in 1989, has service and sales subsidiaries in Asia and the USA.

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