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Experienced Leaders with New Responsibilities

New structuring of the Sales Division at THIEME

Teningen, January 2009 – In connection with the establishment of the subsidiary JRT Photovoltaics, THIEME GmbH & Co. KG is rearranging its responsibilities in industrial and graphics sales. In the future, the new sales management will also be filled with long-time THIEME employees, who vouch for continuity among the leading European screen printing machine manufacturers.

In the sector of printing systems, Peter Geiger will assume the Technical Director leadership from Markus Bau – now the new Managing Director of JRT Photovoltaics – and will simultaneously relinquish his earlier sales responsibility to Thieme Managing Director Frank Thieme. The 58-year-old mechanical engineering specialist Geiger has been employed in positions of responsibility at Thieme for more than 20 years.

The sales responsibility of both business sectors of industrial and graphic screen printing will in the future be taken over by Christian Schweickert (Industrial) and Oliver Beck (Graphics). The 39-year-old Schweickert, who has been employed at Thieme in the industrial sector for nine years and possesses strong customer and industry contacts, will succeed Klaus Messmer in this position. Messmer has accepted the position of Sales Manager of the new company JRT Photovoltaics. The 42-year-old Beck, who is taking over the position of the Sales Manager of graphics from Juergen Weischedel, was previously active in the sales team of the industrial machine business sector for one and a half years and recently shared responsibility for the international sales of various Thieme screen printing installations.

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Training Sector is Being Strengthened

Juergen Weischedel (59), who successfully managed the Sales division in the graphics sector for many years, will henceforth assume responsibility for the Training Sector. "The Training Sector is increasingly important for us and our customers", comments Weischedel about his new task. "For this reason we want to become more active here in the future and to place our customers in a position to use their screen printing installations optimally." In addition to customer training programs, an increasing number of training programs should be carried out for existing and new Thieme colleagues in order to expand their know-how. "We want to assure that all our customers are provided with optimal consultation regardless of their location," emphasizes Weischedel.

Moreover, the experienced screen printing specialist will in addition to the existing Thieme sales regions increase the efforts to build up new international markets and support his successor in the graphic sales management, Oliver Beck.

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Teningen, January 2009 – Experienced leaders with new responsibilities: from left to right: Christian Schweickert, new sales manager in the industrial sector; Oliver Beck, new sales manager in the graphic sector; Juergen Weischedel, responsible in the future for the sectors of new international markets and training programs. (Photo: THIEME GmbH & Co. KG of Teningen)

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, in 2006, a consolidated total turnover of approximately 70 million euros. This year, THIEME expects an increase in sales of about 15%. The headquarters of THIEME is in Teningen, near Freiburg in South-West Germany. There are sales and service subsidiaries in France, Great Britain and the USA.

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