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Screen Printing Competency for the Photovoltaic Market

Management Team of JRT Photovoltaics Introduced

Teningen/Berlin, January 2009 – Innovative plant concepts for the production of crystalline solar cells are being developed and marketed at JRT Photovoltaics GmbH & Co KG which was established in September 2008. The joint subsidiary of the Teningen screenprint machine manufacturer THIEME and the Berlin automation specialists Jonas & Redmann is managed by experienced experts from Thieme.

JRT combines the know-how and market experience of two strong partners: THIEME GmbH & Co. KG enjoys an outstanding reputation as technology and market leader in flat-bed screen printing systems, while Jonas & Redmann Automation Technology GmbH has made a name as the automation partner of the photovoltaic industry.

The establishment of JRT Photovoltaics is the logical path for Thieme in the booming photovoltaic market. Already in recent years, Thieme had developed and brought to market together with Jonas & Redmann a fully automatic metallization line which integrates the screen printing process; at JRT photovoltaics the development of the metallization and treatment technologies for the partial coating of crystalline solar cells should now be pushed forward and the product line expanded.

Experienced experts at the top

The leadership of the new enterprise will be assumed by Markus Bau as managing director. The 38-year-old industrial engineer previously held the position as Technical Director at Thieme, and

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was primarily involved in the technical development of the metallization line. In addition to Markus Bau a further leading employee will transfer from Thieme to JRT, Klaus Messmer (50), long-time Industrial Sales Director for printing systems, will take over the Sales and Marketing Management at JRT. In his earlier function, he played a decisive role in the successful establishment of Thieme in the photovoltaic market – Messmer will now be dedicated to this task in his new responsibility at JRT Photovoltaics.

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The future service director of JRT also comes from Thieme. The 36-year-old Uwe Bitzenhofer was previously employed as service specialist in the industrial sector at Thieme. With his many years of experience in printing and control technology, Bitzenhofer will ensure a competent service team is ready for the JRT customers.

Thieme and JRT will remain closely linked until further notice. The headquarters of JRT Photovoltaics is in South Badish Teningen, where Thieme is also located.

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January 2009 – **Screen printing competency for the photovoltaic market:** The new management team of JRT Photovoltaics in front of the metallization line: Uwe Bitzenhofer, Markus Bau, Klaus Messmer (from left to right)
(Photo: THIEME GmbH & Co. KG of Teningen)