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New Dual Leadership at THIEME

Personnel Changes Strengthen the Polyurethane Business

Teningen, December 2008 – THIEME GmbH & Co KG, Teningen, Germany, announces new personal changes for the positions of technology leader and marketing leader in its polyurethane moulding business division. The functions which were previously a single position, have now been split into two new positions. This dual leadership of the polyurethane division strengthens its market presence and provides more effective support and technical development of customer projects.

Moulded polyurethane (PUR) parts have been manufactured at Thieme in Teningen for more than 30 years. Thanks to the experience of more than 4000 customer-specific applications, Thieme is in a position to comprehensively advise and support its customers – from the structural design of the product to delivery and logistics of the completed components.

In order to be equipped for the increasingly individual market and customer requirements, sales and market management will be taken over by Hartmut Buehrer starting in December 2008. Mr. Buehrer (49) has been employed by Thieme in the sales department since 1990 and possesses comprehensive PUR competence. He is assuming the tasks of Matthias Sick, who is leaving the company.

The technical management position which was also previously assigned to Matthias Sick, will be assumed by Klaus Metzger (51). As a long-time Thieme employee Klaus Metzger offers the assurance of confidently meeting the new design and technology challenges and thus setting a new course.

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The new managers of sales and technology will report directly to the Thieme managing director Frank Thieme, who sees much promise in his new "double leadership". "I am convinced that with Mr. Buehrer and Mr. Metzger we are in the best situation to strengthen and further develop our market position as technology leader in the PUR sector".

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The new sales manager Hartmut Buehrer (left) and the new technical manager Klaus Metzger should strengthen and further develop the leading market position of Thieme in the sector of polyurethane.

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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, in 2007, a consolidated total turnover of nearly 85 million euros. 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.

The business segments "Printing systems" and "Plastics technology" are the two pillars of the company. In both sectors, THIEME GmbH & Co. KG is the technological market leader. By means of continual development, this status is maintained and the position of the company in the relevant markets further strengthened.

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