

## Media release

### **StarragHeckert plans to acquire Dörries Scharmann Group**

- **Significant Expansion of StarragHeckert business activities**
- **Ideal combination: same target markets, complementary products**
- **Financing planned through capital increase**
- **More information to follow after closing**

**StarragHeckert Holding AG has closed an agreement to acquire 100% of the shares of the Dörries Scharmann Technologie GmbH, thus the whole Dörries Scharmann Group. The corresponding contract for the purchase and transfer of the shares shall be finalized within the current week. Staff and business partners of both companies have been informed today.**

The purchase price of approx. € 70 mio is being financed by own funds and a bridge loan of the majority shareholder Walter Fust. The loan is planned to be refinanced by an increase of the shareholder capital in the next few months. The agreement to purchase Dörries Scharmann is with the insolvency administrator of the Austrian A-Tec Industries AG, in accordance with the legal representative of A-Tec Industries AG and with approval of the board of creditors

#### **Ideal combination**

The profitable Dörries Scharmann Technologie GmbH with headquarters in Mönchengladbach/Germany produces machine tools of the renowned brands Dörries, Droop+Rein, Ecospeed, Scharmann and Berthiez for drilling, turning, milling and grinding of middle sized to very large working pieces. The company is a leader in this industry sector. In 2010, the group achieved a turnover of € 130 million with 790 employees.

The industrial logical is evident. Both StarragHeckert and Dörries Scharmann serve the same target markets, with fully complementary product ranges. Both of companies have in

the past been focusing on the high quality segment. Main customers worldwide are large financially solid global companies in the fields of aerospace, energy generation, transport and precision mechanical engineering.

Further detailed information will be after closing. We kindly ask for your patience until then no further information can be given for the time being.

Rorschacherberg, 16 January 2011

StarragHeckert Holding AG

***StarragHeckert** globally provides a comprehensive range of technologically advanced precision milling machines, as well as productivity enhancing software and engineering solutions, engineering and process optimisation projects and a wide range of special tools for customers in the aerospace, energy, transport and precision machine industry. The company brings to bear a nearly 150 year's old heritage of technological innovation to help its customers to be more productive, efficient, precise and innovative.*

*StarragHeckert includes production plants in Rorschacherberg/Switzerland (Starrag, Chemnitz/Germany (Heckert), Geneva/Switzerland (SIP) and Haddenham/UK (TTL), as well as sales and service companies in China (Beijing and Shanghai), the USA (Cincinnati, Dallas and Los Angeles), Canada, France, India, the UK, Russia and Turkey. The shares of StarragHeckert are quoted on the Swiss Stock Exchange SIX (symbol: STGN).*

***Dörries Scharmann** manufactures world machine tools of the renowned Dörries, Scharmann, Droop+Rein, Ecospeed and Berthiez brands for high performance drilling, turning, milling and grinding of middle sized to very large working pieces. Main customers worldwide are large financially solid global companies in the fields of aerospace, energy generation, transport and precision mechanical engineering. Dörries Scharmann has production plants in Mönchengladbach/Germany, Bielefeld/Germany and St. Etienne/France and sales and service companies in China, the UK, the USA and Russia.*

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**Forthcoming events**

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| • Key figures 2010                       | 26 January 2011 |
| • Financial Results / Annual Report 2010 | 4 March 2011    |
| • Media and analysts conference          | 4 March 2011    |
| • Annual general meeting                 | 9 April 2011    |
| • Interim information first quarter 2010 | 6 May 2011      |
| • Half-year report 2009                  | 29 July 2011    |
| • Interim information third quarter 2010 | 4 November 2011 |

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