

Press Release

SurTec acquires omniTECHNIK Mikroverkapselungs GmbH **Thread locking product specialist effectively supplements the SurTec portfolio**

Munich Dec.14th, 2022 - SurTec International GmbH, Bensheim, Germany, has acquired omniTECHNIK Mikroverkapselungs GmbH, Munich, Germany. The transaction also includes the acquisition of all the shares in the joint venture Precote USA L.L.C., Romeo, MI, USA, by SurTec subsidiary SurTec Inc., Brunswick, Ohio, USA. SurTec is a division of Freudenberg Chemical Specialities GmbH (FCS), Munich. The acquisition contract lays the foundations for the two companies to be integrated in the SurTec Group in the future.

As an innovative family company, omniTECHNIK Mikroverkapselungs GmbH has developed into a market leader in the field of reactive and non-reactive coatings for fasteners since its foundation over 40 years ago. The company's success on the world market is based on extensive knowledge and experience, first-class application technology consulting and outstanding products. Close cooperation with sales and consultancy partners over many years is a further key to the company's success. With its precote® product range, the company covers a wide variety of thread coating applications throughout the world in the automotive, machinery, aerospace, and domestic appliance industries, among other sectors.

The acquisition of omniTECHNIK and Precote will lay the foundation for the strategic further development of the two companies. "The business strategy of FCS is based on the continuous expansion of our business portfolio. This includes an active acquisition approach. Our main focus is on attractive, highly promising services, technologies and products with an outstanding market position," said Filip Krulis, CEO of FCS.



“Our acquisitions focus on companies that can help in reinforcing our market position in highly specialized segments. Through the acquisition of omniTECHNIK we will be able to significantly expand and continue the strategic development of our existing business in chemical surface technology,” added Dr. Jörg Matthias Großmann, CFO of FCS.

“The business success of omniTECHNIK is based on helping industrial customers achieve greater success with high-performance products and outstanding service,” said Heinrich Kuhn-Weiss, proprietor of omniTECHNIK GmbH. “We always wanted to be among the top suppliers of thread locking products and have succeeded in reaching this position over the past 40 years or more. As part of SurTec, it will be easier for us to grasp the market potential for innovative coating technologies even more effectively. As the representative of the family proprietors, it was important for me to find a partner that sees itself as a strategic investor with long-term orientation,” he added.

“The company is in good hands with the FCS Group and SurTec,” Dr. Karsten Grünke, CEO of SurTec International commented. “FCS has already acquired one company from the Kuhn-Weiss family, OKS Spezialschmierstoffe GmbH and successfully continued its development. We expect that we will be just as successful with omniTECHNIK,” Grünke emphasized.



About SurTec

The surface-technology company SurTec develops, manufactures and markets specialty chemicals for surface treatment. Its four fields of application, Industrial Parts Cleaning, Metal Pre-treatment, Functional and Decorative Electroplating, cover the sector's complete portfolio. SurTec is certified in accordance with the international standard ISO 9001 (quality management). Its additional certifications in accordance with OHSAS 18001, respective ISO 45001, and ISO 14001 underscore its important corporate objectives of occupational health and safety as well as environmental sustainability and resource conservation. The SurTec Group, with headquarters in Bensheim, Germany, is part of Freudenberg Chemical Specialities GmbH, and it operates in 22 countries with its own companies and in more than 20 additional countries through partner companies.

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Freudenberg Chemical Specialities develops, manufactures and markets chemical specialities. To be close to its customers, the company is represented globally in the market with its five Business Units, Klüber Lubrication, Chem-Trend, OKS, SurTec and Capol. Freudenberg Chemical Specialities is one of the leading global manufacturers of specialty lubricants, release agents, chemical solutions for surface technologies and chemotechnical maintenance products, as well as solutions for the treatment of confectionery and other foodstuffs. Headquartered in Munich, Germany, the Business Group operates its own companies in some 40 countries. Freudenberg Chemical Specialities employs about 3,800 people and generates sales of about € 1.2 billion. For more information, please visit: www.fcs-munich.com

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