

C■H■Reynolds successfully supports the Brückner Group during the sale process of its Kiefel Extrusion GmbH to Reifenhäuser

Brückner Technology Holding GmbH, Siegsdorf, sold all their shares in Kiefel Extrusion GmbH, Worms, engaged in the blown film extrusion lines business, to Reifenhäuser GmbH & Co. KG Maschinenfabrik, Troisdorf retroactively as of January 1, 2009.

Frankfurt a.M., September 15, 2009: The experienced Industrial Technology team at C■H■Reynolds■Corporate Finance AG led by Philipp v. Hochberg has comprehensively advised the Brückner-Group during the transaction process. The same team already acted as financial adviser for Brückner during the acquisition of the Kiefel group of companies (Freilassing and Worms) from J.M. Gesellschaft für industrielle Beteiligungen mbh & Co. KGaA, Worms, in 2007. The Kiefel Group achieved a turnover of some 120 million Euros in 2008 with their sites in Freilassing and Worms.

With its now completed divestment, Brückner is concentrating its Kiefel corporate division on Kiefel GmbH's thermoforming and welding machines. The company sees major growth potentials in the product areas packaging, medical and automobile technology. Brückner is continuing to pursue an expansive corporate strategy, building further on their excellent technological position in the sector of plastics processing machinery and in plant construction as well as in growth markets, primarily in Asia.

With the takeover, Reifenhäuser is creating the best prerequisites to consolidate and further develop a leading position in the global market for extrusion lines. Edgar Gandelheidt, former managing director of Kiefel Extrusion GmbH and also future managing director of Reifenhäuser Kiefel Extrusion GmbH in Worms considers the new company as innovative partner to customers as well as reliable and solid employer going forward.

“The creation of Reifenhäuser Kiefel Extrusion GmbH is a good example of how even nowadays, M&A transactions in the mechanical engineering sector could build a win-win situation by improving the market positions of both partners. We are proud to be part of this process”, Philipp v. Hochberg, responsible partner at C■H■Reynolds■Corporate Finance AG, stated.

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Further background information

Reifenhäuser Group

The Reifenhäuser Group is a worldwide market leader in extrusion line manufacturing. In 2008, the company generated over 400 million Euros in total turnover with its more than 1,000 employees at three sites. The Reifenhäuser family enterprise established in 1911 has a stable management structure led by brothers Bernd, Klaus and Ulrich Reifenhäuser. Whereas a large number of companies are facing the current economic crisis in a more or less passive way, Reifenhäuser is using this phase in a targeted way for its strategic reorientation. (www.reifenhauser-group.com)

On the Brückner Group

In 2008, the Brückner Group achieved a consolidated turnover of 415 million Euros. Following the sale of Kiefel Extrusion GmbH in Worms, the Brückner Group has 1,050 employees on the payroll in the following companies: Brückner Maschinenbau, a leading provider of film stretching lines and cast film machinery, Kiefel GmbH, Freilassing, producer of thermoforming and welding machines, active worldwide, and Brückner Servtec with its broad spectrum of service and upgrading products for plastics film producers. (www.brueckner.com)

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