

DNick Holding sells SAXONIA EuroCoin - C ■ H ■ Reynolds successfully advises the seller

Frankfurt a. M., 17.05.2011: DNick Holding plc, a manufacturer of nickel and nickel alloys listed on the unofficial registered market in Germany, entered into a sale agreement for its subsidiary SAXONIA EuroCoin GmbH, Halsbrücke, on April 20th, 2011. Acquirer of the 100% stake of the producer of coin blanks is the Mint of Finland Ltd. with its seat in Vantaa, Finland.

The sold business unit of coin blanks comprises of SAXONIA EuroCoin GmbH (Halsbrücke) and Compañia Europea de Cospeles S.A. (Spain). The production will remain unchanged at the production sites in Halsbrücke and Madrid.

The experienced team of C ■ H ■ Reynolds, led by Felix Hoch and Markus Kluge, has successfully advised DNick Holding in the transaction. Both parties have agreed that the purchase price paid in cash should remain confidential. The proceeds of the sale are supposed to be primarily used for a strengthening and further development of the iron-nickel business of DNick group.

According to Franz-Josef Seipelt, CFO of DNick Holding, the key issue of the transaction was “[...] to find a buyer who is able to ensure a seamless continuity of the business. The respective coin blank market is very concentrated and only a few competitors can provide coin blanks of similar high quality. The objective was also to find the best overall solution for both, the company and the shareholders. The completion of this transaction will enable SAXONIA EuroCoin to continue to grow sustainably and to strengthen its excellent international market position.”

The new owner of SAXONIA EuroCoin is a leading provider of circulation and collector coins with a long-standing experience of many years in the international project business. The integration of SAXONIA EuroCoin into the Mint of Finland group raises synergies with regard to the production of coin blanks and the minting of coins that could not have been realised while being part of DNick group.

“With the sale of its coin blank business, DNick Holding continues the strategy to focus on the areas of its core business iron-nickel with the manufacturing companies Deutsche Nickel GmbH and Auerhammer Metallwerk GmbH”, says Dr. Götz-Peter Blumbach, Chief Executive Officer of DNick Holding plc. According to Blumbach, the expansion of the iron-nickel business can, now be expedited through organic growth as well as cooperation with third parties.

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DNick Holding plc

DNick Holding plc is one of the leading manufacturers worldwide of special materials made of nickel and nickel alloys, as well as of metal products. From its administrative centre in Schwerte in North Rhine-Westphalia, the company bundles all business activities of the DNick group as a holding company. The group is divided into the business areas of iron-nickel and coin blanks. In the business area iron-nickel, the group acts with the operative subsidiary companies Deutsche Nickel GmbH (Schwerte), Auerhammer Metallwerk GmbH (Aue, Deutsche Nickel America Inc. (USA) and the joint venture Innovative Clad Solutions Private Limited (India). The stock is traded in the German unofficial regulated market at the stock exchange centres in Frankfurt, Berlin and on the XETRA platform. (www.dnick.de)