

Klagenfurt, June 20, 2008 - Buy_Out Central Europe II Beteiligungs-Invest AG (Buy_Out CE II), a private equity company specializing in finance for mid-size companies, announces the purchase of Chemson Polymer-Additive AG (Chemson), subject to examination by the cartel authorities. The group based in Arnoldstein is the worldwide leading producer of polymer additives which are used mainly in the production of PVC. These products enable and support the processing of PVC. They provide the characteristics important to finished PVC products such as resistance to light and ageing, colour fastness or strength. With 665 employees worldwide and production sites in Austria, Germany, England, Brazil, Australia, the USA and China, Chemson achieved in the fiscal year 2006/07 sales of EUR 261 million.

Strategic growth

“We are pleased with the successful acquisition of a global player from Austria. It is our aim to support the company in pushing its development especially in Eastern Europe and Asia and in extending its market leadership,” according to Kurt Stiassny, Chairman of the Management Board of Buy_Out. Here Buy_Out’s know-how in matters of finance and corporate development can be used ideally.

Participation of Chemson management

Buy_Out acquired in a first step 100% of the shares in the business, in a second step the management of the company gained a proportionate interest. At the same time Buy_Out invited Austrian financial investors to participate in the financing as partners, whereby it retained the majority interest in the company in any event. The sellers are essentially two financial investors. It was agreed that the purchase price shall remain confidential.

About Chemson

The present-day Chemson was established in 1986 from a joint venture between the companies Chemetall and Cookson. Between 1989 and 1991 Metallgesellschaft AG (today GEA Group AG) acquired on the one hand the JV shares of Cookson, and on the other hand the shares of BBU Chemie GmbH in Arnoldstein. The resulting company was renamed Chemson Polymer-Additive GmbH. In 2000 Leman Capital took over the company with the then management.

Chemson is today the leading producer of polymer additives for applications such as windows, profiles, piping, fittings and cable. The products are supplied as granulate, in tablet form or in powder form.

Chemson is pursuing a clear strategy of growth in order to extend its market leadership long term. This is being done with strategic purchases, such as for example the takeover of the Allstab Group, Germany, in 2004, with the voluntary commitment of the PVC processing industry to eliminate lead-based stabilizers in Western Europe by 2015 and with active research and development work, whereby the trend is clearly moving towards alternative environmentally-friendly systems such as calcium/zinc and organically-based stabilizers (OBS). Chemson is therefore making an important contribution towards protecting the environment.

“Notable impetus for growth is coming out of Eastern Europe and Asia, whereby the greatest growth is to be expected in the “emerging markets” of India and China,” explains Roula Millauer, Director of Chemson AG.

The takeover of Chemson is already the second major investment by Buy_Out CE II in six months. In December 2007 the Tiroler Röhren/Buderus (TRM) Group, likewise a technology and market leader across Europe, was acquired with the participation of the management.

Buy_Out Central Europe II Beteiligungsgruppe was established in the spring of 2007 as the result of the collaboration between Kurt Stiassny, the former Chairman of the Management Board of Unternehmens Invest AG, and Michael Tojner, the founder and Director of the leading Austrian investment company Global Equity Partners Beteiligungs-Management AG (GEP). The investment focus of Buy_Out Central Europe II is concentrated on mid-size industry and trade companies with an annual turnover from around € 30 to 300 million. As well as Austria, the geographical target area includes Switzerland, Southern Germany and Eastern Europe.

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