

PRESS RELEASE

Zeppelin Systems expands its plant engineering expertise

Friedrichshafen, December 8, 2021. The plant engineering company Zeppelin Systems continues its growth course by acquiring the majority of shares in Magdalena KITZMANN GmbH, effective January 1, 2022. Zeppelin Systems is thus further expanding its expertise in the field of so-called performance materials and ensuring its customers comprehensive support in this market segment from a partner with many years of expertise.

With a broadly based portfolio, Zeppelin Systems serves not only a wide range of market segments but first and foremost, diverse customer groups with its high level of expertise in plant engineering. The company has a reputation as an expert in the handling of solid as well as liquid raw materials and primarily covers the process steps of storing, conveying, weighing, dosing and mixing in various industries. "Our broad portfolio offers our customers security for long-term investments. With the majority shareholding in KITZMANN, we have secured in-depth expert knowledge, especially in the field of performance materials, and can offer our customers even better plant concepts," explains Rochus Hofmann, Managing Director of Zeppelin Systems.

The owner-managed Magdalena KITZMANN GmbH company optimally complements the portfolio of the plant manufacturer not only through its correspondingly high-quality standards, but above all by providing optimal support to the PVC and chemical applications market segments through the new partnership. As a specialist for customized and process-safe complete plants, KITZMANN stands for reproducibility along with functional and operational reliability. The 360° range of services includes engineering through to commissioning of individual components as well as manufacturing turnkey plants for liquid or solid handling. Companies from the plastics industry, the chemical industry and the food industry regularly benefit from the individual process engineering plants - made in Germany. Originally a handicraft business, KITZMANN has developed into a plant manufacturer through continuous growth in the years following its foundation and has now been operating successfully on the market for almost 50 years.

Zeppelin Systems' participation in the company strengthens its own market share in the field of PVC applications. Despite the takeover, KITZMANN remains an independent company and continues to be managed in equal parts by Dipl.-Ing. Albrecht Gräfe and his son Dipl.-CEO Nico Gräfe. KITZMANN will continue to serve its customers from its Lengerich location. Previously active primarily in the German and neighboring European markets, Zeppelin Systems gives the company the backing it needs for global growth.

Captions:

Kitzmann_Zeppelin: *The majority shareholding by Zeppelin Systems gives KITZMANN backing for global growth, from left Guido Veit (Vice President Sales Projects, Zeppelin Systems); Dipl.-CEO Nico Gräfe, Magdalena KITZMANN GmbH; Dipl.-Ing. Albrecht Gräfe, Magdalena KITZMANN GmbH; Rochus Hofmann (Managing Director, Zeppelin Systems)*

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About Zeppelin Systems

Zeppelin Systems is a global leader in plant engineering for handling high-quality bulk materials. With over 70 years of experience in the individual process steps and extensive know-how in handling the various raw materials, Zeppelin Systems offers reliable complete solutions. At 22 locations worldwide, the company supports its customers from plant design to implementation and provides all services from a single source. Here, innovative process concepts are just as important as smart automation solutions and a full range service that covers the entire life cycle of a plant.

Each Zeppelin plant meets the individual requirements of the customer from plastic, chemical, rubber and tire, as well as food industries. With the world's largest technology center network for bulk materials, Zeppelin enables its customers to carry out tests on an industrial scale in order to verify and optimize the plant design. In addition, Zeppelin Systems develops and manufactures its own components for key plant functions, which are also used in third-party plants. For more information, visit www.zeppelin-systems.com.

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The Zeppelin Group offers solutions for the construction industry, drive systems and energy sectors as well as engineering and plant engineering; it is represented in 43 countries and regions around the world at more than 220 sites. The company's approximately 10,000 employees work together in a management holding company, six strategic business units and a strategic management center (= Zeppelin Digit): Construction Equipment Central Europe, Construction Equipment Nordics, Construction Equipment Eurasia (distribution and service of construction, mining, and agricultural machinery), Rental (rental and project solutions for construction and industry), Power Systems (drive, propulsion, traction, and energy systems), Plant Engineering (engineering and plant engineering) and Zeppelin Digit (IT and digitalization). All digital business is handled together within Zeppelin Digit. In the 2020 financial year, the Group generated sales of EUR 3.3 billion. Zeppelin GmbH is the Group holding company. It is legally domiciled in Friedrichshafen and has its head office in Garching near Munich. The Zeppelin Group is a foundation-owned company. Its roots can be traced back to the establishment of the Zeppelin Foundation by Graf Ferdinand von Zeppelin in 1908. For more information, visit zeppelin.com.

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