

Press Release Lüscher Technologies Ltd

Lüscher Products and Employees with a new owner

The Wifag-Polytype Holding Ltd (CH) and the Heliograph Holding GmbH (D) have jointly taken over all intellectual properties, products, current assets, brand/logos and a part of the employees from the former owners XPose Holding Ltd and Lüscher AG Maschinenbau.

In view of this asset deal, the new company „Lüscher Technologies Ltd“ in Bleienbach (CH) has been founded. Within the next 3 months the whole operation and organisation of the former Lüscher AG will be transferred into new premises in Bleienbach. This will enable the new “Lüscher Technologies Ltd” to take advantage of all kinds of synergies in the area of administration, logistics and operations using the infrastructure and support of Daetwyler Graphics AG (a subsidiary of Heliograph Group).

The new „Lüscher Technologies Ltd“ continues to service and manufacture the former products XPose, MultiDX, XDrum and JetScreen round to support the operation of the installed base for all customers globally.

Sales and Service of all „Lüscher Technologies Ltd“ products will be handled by the sales and service hubs of the Wifag-Polytype Group and the Heliograph Group in their respective market/product application segments. Said this, “Lüscher Technologies Ltd” gets access to two non-competing sales networks of more than 20 sales and service organizations globally (www.wifag-polytype.com and www.heliograph-holding.net). Together with the integration of existing and potential new distributors „Lüscher Technologies Ltd“ will have an ideal set-up to better serve the different markets and applications in favor of the customers.

„Lüscher Technologies Ltd“ will be managed by Peter Berner (former CTO of Lüscher AG) to ensure continuity and innovation combined with the leverage of operational and logistical potentials of the new owners.

After a long period of uncertainty the employees can now focus on customers and their expectations again and are ready to support the installed base as well as new requests and challenges. Customers will be informed directly about the organization, contact persons and procedures in the next few days.

Questions concerning the owners of “Lüscher Technologies Ltd” are answered by:

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Background information:

The Wifag-Polytype Group is a globally active group of companies of 1200 employees being active in the manufacturing of production lines and systems for aluminum and steel aerosol containers, beverage bottles and tubes (www.mall-herlan.com), extruded and laminated plastic tubes lines, as well as decorated plastic cups/containers systems (www.polytype.com) , coating lines for flexible packaging and technical films/foils (www.polytype.com), newspaper/book printing machines and services (www.wifag.com) and in trading and service business for the graphics industry (www.wifac.nl). With its sales/service and manufacturing network in USA, Brasil, India, Thailand and China/Hongkong our customers are supported globally.

The Heliograph Group of companies with 500 employees worldwide, develops, manufactures and services pre-press equipments and systems for rotogravure, flexo print and embossing and sees itself as leader of the complete manufacturing processes for rotogravure, embossing cylinders and in direct laser engraving technology for elastomeric flexo plates. Flexible packaging, décor and magazine printing are the core markets of the Heliograph Group and are supported by manufacturing sites in Germany, Switzerland, USA and China and 10 sales and service companies in additional 10 countries.