

Dürr balancing systems gearing for turbocharger market growth

Stuttgart, April 2, 2009 – Dürr is strengthening its position in the business of balancing technology for the growing turbocharger industry. By way of Darmstadt-based Schenck RoTec GmbH, the group has acquired the specialized French firm Datatechnic S.A. effective as of April 2, 2009. This rounds out Dürr’s product range for balancing turbochargers.

Schenck RoTec and Datatechnic have been cooperating for a long time in the area of balancing technology for turbochargers. “The two companies complement each other superbly with their expertise in the areas of imbalance measurement and correction. Datatechnic rounds out our range of products and services ideally, so we can offer the turbocharger industry even better technology and full service worldwide,” declares Ralf-Michael Fuchs, head of Dürr’s Balancing and Assembly Products business unit.

Experts estimate that worldwide turbocharger production will grow by more than 40% altogether in the period to 2013. That development will be driven by the trend toward more compact and economical automobile engines, which are often equipped with one or even two turbochargers. Moreover, the market share of diesel engines with turbochargers in the United States will increase.

“Datatechnic is an optimally positioned niche supplier, and its integration will enable us to benefit above average from market growth in the turbocharger segment,” says Ralf Dieter, CEO of Dürr AG. Moreover, Schenck RoTec expects to cut costs through synergy in development, purchasing, and production. Efficient development of new product generations is planned in the newly created configuration. That will mean ideally rapid reactions to the needs of the market.

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An independent company, Datatechnic S.A. was founded in 1989 and employs about 40 persons in Uxegney, France. Sales are below € 10 million, and the company operates profitably. Schenck Rotec is one of the world's leading suppliers of balancing technology and achieves sales of over € 180 million with about 1,000 employees.

The acquisition of Datatechnic is part of the "Dürr 2010" strategy, which guides Dürr in the pursuit of profitable growth in all six group business units.

The Dürr Group is a supplier of plant and equipment that commands leading global market positions in its areas of activity. Business with the automotive industry accounts for about 85% of its sales. Dürr also supplies innovative manufacturing and environmental technologies for the aircraft, mechanical engineering, chemical and pharmaceutical industries. The Dürr Group operates in the market through two divisions. The Paint and Assembly Systems division supplies production and painting technologies, mainly for automotive body & chassis manufacturing. The equipment and systems supplied by the Measuring and Process Systems division are used, among other things, for engine and transmission production and for final vehicle assembly. Dürr is present in 45 locations in 20 countries around the world. The group achieved sales of € 1.6 billion with approximately 6,100 employees in 2008.

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