

New Chairman at Maihak AG in Hamburg

Turnaround accomplished – 100 jobs secured

Hamburg/Waldkirch, 06.03.2009 – New Chairman at Maihak AG: Joachim Leins (52) has taken over the management. He succeeds Dr. Bernd Cordes (52), who led the successful restructuring of the long-established Hamburg-based company in recent years. Maihak AG is a member of the SICK Group and produces devices for industrial gas analyses. After some difficult years and a wide-ranging reorganisation, Maihak AG became profit-making again in 2008, achieving excellent results.

Joachim Leins has up to now been General Manager of SICK IBEO GmbH in Hamburg. The industrial engineer will take over responsibility for about 100 jobs at Maihak AG. He is to continue the successful development of the company and, in particular, drive forward networking within the SICK Group.

Maihak AG has been a member of the SICK Group since 2000. Last year was characterised by the far-reaching reorganisation. “The aim of this project was to increase delivery capability and quality and re-focus our work on our core competence, gas analyses,” according to Dr. Cordes. Several business fields were sold or relocated during the reorganisation. In addition, production was comprehensively restructured and modernised. These measures led to Maihak AG achieving positive results again after several loss-making years. About 100 jobs have thus been safeguarded.

The outgoing Chairman Dr. Bernd Cordes will assist his successor Joachim Leins during the coming weeks and give up his post after the Annual General Meeting in May. He will take over new tasks within the SICK Group.

Joachim Leins will continue to manage the business of SICK IBEO GmbH until a successor has been found.

SICK AG is one of the world’s leading producers of sensors and sensor solutions for industrial applications. The company, founded in 1946 and based in Wald

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kirch-im-Breisgau, employs more than 5,000 employees worldwide and achieved Group sales of EUR 708 m. in 2007. Further information on SICK can be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.sick.com> or by phone at +49 (0)7681 202-3873.