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HEXPOL's acquisition of 70% of the shares in almaak international GmbH, a specialist in advanced recycled engineered compounds, is completed

HEXPOL has today completed the previously announced acquisition of 70% of the shares in almaak from the existing owners Mr. Olaf Eichstädt and Mr. Thomas Schmeinta. almaak is a specialist in high quality recycled engineered polymer compounds based in Germany.

The acquisition is fully in line with the HEXPOL's M&A strategy with desired growth in thermoplastic compounding and specialty engineered polymers with high level of recycled materials. Furthermore, the acquisition strengthens our market position in Europe. Mr. Olaf Eichstädt and Mr. Thomas Schmeinta will stay with the company and further drive growth and technical excellence.

"The acquisition of almaak is fully in line with our growth strategy and we welcome the almaak team to the HEXPOL Group. almaak's focus and expertise on high quality recycled engineered compounds also fits very well into our sustainability development"

Georg Brunstam, CEO HEXPOL Group

"We see the merger with HEXPOL Group as the ideal combination of integrating our businesses into a globally operating, innovative and extremely well positioned company and the very good opportunity to continue our successful business strategy and philosophy around sustainability in connection with engineering compounds. We are looking forward to a very good and successful cooperation and the further expansion of business opportunities"

Olaf Eichstädt and Thomas Schmeinta, CEOs almaak

During the last few years, almaak has made significant investments in equipment and technology to secure the company's continued growth and meet the increased demand for sustainable products.

"almaak is very well positioned in a growing market with a high level of specialty expertise. Together with HEXPOL's knowledge and resources, we see many opportunities for accelerated growth. I look forward to working with Olaf and Thomas to achieve this"

Jan Wikström, President HEXPOL Thermoplastic Compounding

almaak's turnover in 2021 amounted to 75 MEUR with a profitability level just below the HEXPOL Group. almaak operates two sites in Germany with some 190 employees. The main end user segment is the European automotive industry where the interest for recycled compounds is high.

The acquisition price amounts to approximately 70 MEUR on a cash and debt free basis and is funded by a combination of cash and existing bank facilities. Pursuant to the agreement, HEXPOL has an option to acquire the remaining shares, and Mr. Olaf Eichstädt and Mr. Thomas Schmeinta have the option to sell their remaining shares to HEXPOL. All regulatory approvals and contractual terms for the transaction have been met and the acquisition has been completed. The business will be consolidated from 1 April.



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