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PVA TePla AG Acquires Renowned Software Company

The PVA TePla Group is strengthening its business with SPA Software Entwicklungs GmbH from Coburg, a specialist in software and automation in the semiconductor industry. This acquisition represents a major step forward for the PVA TePla Group's continued strategic development.

Founded in 1989, SPA has around 30 employees and serves customers worldwide with specific software programs for production system automation and image capture with associated analyses. It also provides complete systems for high-precision measuring technology to renowned companies in the semiconductor industry.

PVA TePla Analytical Systems GmbH, a manufacturer of ultrasound measuring systems, has had good business relations with the software developer for many years. "With SPA GmbH, we are significantly strengthening our business in key areas of software development and automation," says the Management Board member responsible for production and technology at PVA TePla AG, Oliver Höfer. "Our customers' requirements for automation and standardization are increasing at a fast pace. We intend to expand the company SPA rapidly: First,

SPA's services for its customer base are to be strengthened, and second, our subsidiaries can also increasingly benefit from its software expertise."

Founder and managing director Georg Sauer is pleased: "With this sale to an established, mid-market high-tech group, we are placing our company in good hands. Our markets complement each other and we have customers in common, which will result in synergies that not only safeguard existing jobs but also create new ones." Georg Sauer will serve as the managing director of the company for at least another two years.

"With SPA's technologies, we will be able to integrate our products in ongoing semiconductor production processes at our customers even faster and more flexibly. This is an important strategic step for the whole group that will secure us long-term competitive advantages," says Alfred Schopf, CEO of PVA TePla AG. "And for SPA itself, there are excellent opportunities for success with the PVA Group behind it."

PVA TePla AG is acquiring the company retroactively with effect from January 1, 2018. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

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