

Press Release

PVA TePla AG announces new orders and expands its international presence

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Aßlar, 15.02.2005: In the new business year, PVA TePla AG is continuing the upswing in business which took hold in late 2004. In the Crystal Growing Systems division, a new € 1.7 million order for floatzone equipment has been placed by a leading producer of silicon crystals. Floatzone technology enables crystals of especially high purity and quality to be produced for high-performance electronic components.

A letter of intent to order 20 facilities has been signed by a major customer of the joint venture established in Xi'an, China, in December 2004 to build systems for the solar cell industry (Crystal Growing Systems division).

Demand for products made by the Vacuum Systems division remains strong in the wake of the large incoming order volume logged in 2004, so the division expects to maintain its good order situation. "Continuous improvement of our various plant series has resulted in this great success. We are particularly encouraged by the fact that new order volume is globally distributed, and that we are penetrating markets in a wide range of high-tech industries", says Volker Lang, Head of the Vacuum Systems division.

In January of this year, the PVA TePla Group opened a sales and service branch in Beijing. "We will substantially enlarge our global presence as a supplier of advanced technology and optimise our marketing and sales organisations in the USA", says CEO Peter Abel, whose aim is to achieve continuous expansion of the Group and to inspire his team to highest achievements worldwide. "The latest successes at international level are confirmation of our strategy."

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For decades already, PVA TePla AG has been an established supplier of plant and systems for eco-friendly production and processing of high-quality industrial materials. As a vacuum specialist for high-temperature and plasma treatment, the company is a leading player on the world market for hard-metal sintering plant, crystal growing facilities and plant for surface activation using plasma. With its systems and services, PVA TePla supports key processes in industrial companies, particularly in the metal, ceramics, plastics, semiconductor, hard metals and electrical/electronics industries, as well as in research and development institutes centred on materials technologies. The company also supplies innovative components and solutions for purifying freshwater, wastewater and surfaces by means of UV-C radiation. Shares in the company have been traded on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 21 June 1999; the company has been listed in the Prime Standard segment (ISIN DE0007461006, Reuters TPEG) since 1 January 2003.

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