

Press Release

PVA TePla attracts growing interest from institutional investors

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Asslar, 18.07.2005: In response to increased demand from institutional investors following initial investment in PVA TePla AG and transfer of a first share package with minimised market impact, the holding company owned by Peter Abel, CEO of PVA TePla AG, has sold 150,000 shares at the average share price on 14 July 2005 to an institutional buyer in an off-exchange trade. As a result, the percentage of shares held in the company by Peter Abel has been reduced by 0.7% to 27.8%.

In addition, PVA Konsortialgesellschaft mbH has notified the company that its share of voting rights has decreased to 8.04%. PVA Konsortialgesellschaft has transferred part of the shares it held (previously 13.8%) to its individual shareholders, likewise off-exchange.

The free float has thus increased from 32.2% to 38.7%.

PVA TePla AG has noted intensified interest in its shares by institutional investors and analysts in recent weeks. At the first roadshow in Frankfurt and London since TePla AG and the PVA Group merged, the company's management intensified direct communications with this particular group on the financial markets.

Peter Abel commented by saying, "PVA TePla AG is a medium-sized company that leads the market with its products for manufacturing high-tech materials, and is excellently structured for tomorrow's global markets. As the largest shareholder in the company, I am interested in both stable operative business, as well as a balanced, strategy-based ownership structure. As long as my percentage of shares is between 25.1% and 29.9%, which I would like to retain in order to exert a continuing influence, I do see the opportunity and

indeed the necessity of responding flexibly to the needs of the capital market.”

About PVA TePla

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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