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New owners, new name

Dear Mrs Wallis,

Earlier this year, Wirth became a subsidiary of Aker Solutions ASA, a Norwegian-owned global provider of engineering and construction services, technology products and integrated solutions.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that in lieu of our new ownership, on June 30th, 2009, we will change our name from Wirth Maschinen- und Bohrgeräte-Fabrik GmbH to Aker Wirth GmbH.

Why the change? For more than two decades we have been successfully collaborating with Aker Solutions on drilling solutions. By formalising our connection through acquisition, our goal is to strengthen the existing collaboration and expand it to all of Aker Solutions drilling activities globally. We will also extend the collaboration to Aker Solutions' process and construction activities to the benefit of our mining and construction division.

About Aker Solutions

Aker Solutions' beginnings can be traced back to 1853. The company has played a significant role in the industrial revolution in Northern Europe. The group entered the offshore oil and gas market from its base in Oslo in the late 1960s.

Today, Aker Solutions' businesses span a number of industries, including oil and gas, refining and petrochemicals, power generation and mining and metals. It has approximately 23 000 employees in about 30 countries, in addition to approximately 10 000 contract staff and contract personnel. In 2008 operating revenues were EUR 6.6 billion.

Aker Solutions' complementary technology portfolio and its stable ownership structure provide a secure platform for Wirth, its employees and its clients in the following ways:



Mining and Construction

We supply solutions for the mining and construction industry in the field of mining, tunnelling and foundation projects. In doing so, we offer comprehensive solutions to our customers' challenges and provide a product range that covers the full spectrum of drill rigs, mining and tunnel boring machines, as well as shaft boring equipment. Aker Solutions' process and construction activities offer natural synergies which we can leverage together. In addition, Aker Solutions global presence gives us an extended reach, enabling us to provide local solutions and support to our customers in over 30 countries.

Oilfield & Services

For more than 100 years, we at Wirth have been supplying drilling framework components to the oil and gas industry, and developing core competency in the production of drawworks, mud pumps, rotary tables and rotary swivels. This technology is complemented by the product portfolio and expertise of Aker Solutions. Becoming a part of Aker Solutions strengthens our position in the international markets.

Our promise

In a process like this, many things change – but our values, our strategy and our commitment to our customers remain the same. We look forward to continuing our work with you.

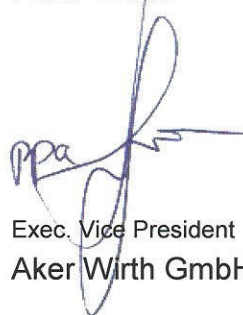
Sincerely,

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