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Sulzer consolidates its position as a supplier of extrusion lines for the production of polymer foams

**Sulzer takes over aixfotec, a medium-sized technology company in the polymer foams industry**

**Sulzer is taking over aixfotec GmbH, a leading technology company in extrusion systems for the production of polymer foams, based in Aachen, Germany. The acquisition was signed and concluded on March 31, 2014. aixfotec generates sales in the single-digit million Euro range. This acquisition widens Sulzer Chemtech's portfolio in the field of polymer technology and strengthens its position as a technology leader and system supplier in plastics manufacturing.**

aixfotec combines its highly specialized expertise in machine and plant engineering with a long-standing experience to build production systems for polymer foams. The resulting industry solutions reflect 30 years of development work in the foam sector. aixfotec develops, markets, and provides industrial systems for foam production worldwide; the specific plant components are engineered in-house and then manufactured to specification by cooperation partners.

This acquisition strengthens Sulzer Chemtech's position as a leading supplier in polymer production systems, with a wide range of technologies for continuous production of polymers. Sulzer's global engineering and manufacturing capabilities, its position as a major enterprise and its global network yield considerable synergies with respect to geographical regions and market segments.

Integration of the acquired business into Sulzer Chemtech will start immediately. The entire staff is retained and will relocate to Switzerland, this way ensuring continuity of the outstanding customer service and product quality for which aixfotec is well known.

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*Sulzer, headquartered in Winterthur, Switzerland, since 1834, is specialized in pumping solutions, rotating equipment maintenance and services as well as separation, reaction, and mixing technology. The company is a leading provider in its key markets: oil and gas, power, and water. Sulzer serves clients worldwide through a network of over 150 production and service sites and has a strong footprint in emerging markets. In 2013, the company achieved sales of over CHF 3.2 billion with around 15.000 employees.*

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