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### **Weiss GWE and BDK merge to become Weiss Pharmatechnik GmbH**

**“Joining forces in containment solutions” was the theme for the merger of the two companies BDK Luft- und Reinraumtechnik GmbH and Weiss GWE GmbH. Weiss GWE as well as BDK have over 30 years of experience in cleanroom technology. The two companies will operate under the joint name Weiss Pharmatechnik GmbH from 1 July 2015.**

*“The products and services of the two companies are very well matched. We therefore expect numerous benefits and synergy effects from the merger,”* explains Bernd Weber, designated managing director of the new Weiss Pharmatechnik GmbH. *“We will be able to offer our customers a comprehensive product portfolio and a countrywide service from one source in the future.”* Bernd Weber has already been managing director of Weiss GWE and BDK for five years and will become the sole managing director of Weiss Pharmatechnik GmbH from 1 July 2015. The second managing director of Weiss GWE and BDK, Wolfgang König, will retire on 30 June 2015 after 33 years in the management of the company.

Weiss Pharmatechnik GmbH will be one company with two locations in Hude near Bremen and Sonnenbühl in the state of Baden-Württemberg. The headquarters of Weiss Pharmatechnik will be in Hude. The facility in Sonnenbühl will continue to plan, produce and sell BDK products. *“I am looking forward to the new challenges brought about by the merger,”* says Bernd Weber. *“For our employees, only a few internal processes and the computer systems will change. We are explicitly not planning to downsize.”*

The current contacts for customers of Weiss GWE and BDK will remain the same. The proven products with the brand names WIBOjekt® und WIBObarrier® will be retained. The products from Sonnenbühl will also keep their well-known brand name BDK. New is the service hotline which serves both locations and will be available around the clock at +49 4484 189 110.

Weiss GWE has been an important partner of the pharmaceutical and chemical industry for many years. The company manufactures GMP/FDA compliant devices and safety workstations for detecting and extracting hazardous materials for the protection of products, people and enclosed spaces. In detail, the product range of Weiss GWE includes containment systems, weighing cabins, sampling cabins, laminar flow units, cleanroom devices, cleanroom systems, air locks, isolators, RABS systems, laboratory workstations, personal protection workstations and workstations for transferring chemicals.

BDK is one of the leading manufacturers of clean air systems and specialises in customer-specific solutions. Products from BDK are used in the pharmaceutical, food and optics industry as well as in medical technology and microelectronics. In detail, BDK manufactures laminar flow workbenches, microbiological safety workbenches, cleanroom systems, isolators, air locks, special systems, cleanroom accessories and accessories for isolators and gloveboxes.

As Weiss GWE and BDK, Weiss Pharmatechnik GmbH is a subsidiary of Weiss Klimatechnik in Reiskirchen near Gießen. Weiss Klimatechnik in turn is a subsidiary of the internationally active Schunk Group with headquarters in Gießen. Weiss Pharmatechnik GmbH will therefore use the logo of Weiss Technik with the add-on "a schunk company".

The Schunk Group is an internationally active technology group with over 8,000 employees in 29 countries. The company offers a wide range of products and services from the fields of carbon technology and ceramics, environmental simulations and climate technology, hard carbide and ultrasound welding. The Schunk group achieved a turnover of around 990 million Euro in 2014.

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