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Media release

Resignation of the Head of AFG's Surface Technology Division

Arbon, June 8, 2010 – The head of the Surface Technology Division of AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG, Arbon TG, and Managing Director of Hartchrom AG, Steinach SG, Thomas Reifler, has handed in his resignation as per the end of October 2010 in order to seek a new professional challenge. He has been part of the Hartchrom corporate group for over ten years, as CFO until 2007, and then as Managing Director of Hartchrom AG and Member of the Group Management of AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG, which acquired Hartchrom in 2007. The Board of Directors of AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG deeply regrets Thomas Reifler's resignation. It has already initiated the search for a successor.

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AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG, based in Arbon, Switzerland, has leading positions as an integrated construction industry supplier and in selected areas of technology. Listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, the company comprises five divisions: Heating Technology and Sanitary Equipment, Kitchens and Refrigeration, Windows and Doors, Steel Technology, and Surface Technology. The Group has production facilities in Switzerland, Germany, France, the United States, the Czech Republic, the U.K., and Slovakia.

AFG has an active presence in more than 70 countries worldwide, with roughly 50 of its own production and distribution companies, as well as representatives and partners. The Kermi, Arbonia, Prolux, ASCO Swiss, Aqualux, Forster Kitchens, Forster Refrigeration, Miele Kitchens, Warendorf, Piatti, EgoKiefer, RWD Schlatter, Slovaktual, Forster Precision Steel Tubes, Forster Profile Systems, and STI | Hartchrom brands are the backbone of AFG. With these brands, AFG has built leading positions in its home markets of Switzerland and Germany and is intensively pursuing entry and development of new markets in Eastern Europe, Russia, and the Middle and Far East.



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Division Surface Technology: STI | Hartchrom

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