



## Media release

### Edgar Oehler retires as CEO of AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG

Arbon, 25 January 2011 – **As previously announced, the founder and main shareholder of the modern AFG Arbonia-Forster Group, Edgar Oehler, has decided for age reasons to retire from his position as CEO of AFG and to concentrate on his role as Chairman of the Board of Directors of AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG. The Board of Directors of AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG is already well advanced in its evaluation of a successor, so Edgar Oehler has told the board that he will be stepping down formally as CEO of AFG on the date of this year's Annual General Meeting, 29 April 2011. The Board believes that it will be able to announce the succession arrangements no later than at this year's results press conference. It will ensure there is a smooth transfer of operational responsibility to the new CEO.**

**The Board of Directors expressed its great respect for and unreserved appreciation of Edgar Oehler for his many years as CEO of AFG. As CEO, Edgar Oehler has developed AFG into one of Europe's leading suppliers to the construction industry and made a lasting contribution to the company. The Board is therefore very happy that Mr. Oehler will be continuing to give AFG the benefit of his knowledge and experience as Chairman of the Board of Directors.**

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This press release and further information on AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG can also be found on our website at [www.afg.ch](http://www.afg.ch).



### **About AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG**

AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG, based in Arbon, Switzerland, is a leading integrated construction industry supplier and technology group. The company is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and operates through five Divisions: Heating Technology and Sanitary Equipment, Kitchens and Refrigeration, Windows and Doors, Steel Technology and Surface Technology. Its production sites are in Switzerland, Germany, France, the USA, the Czech Republic, the UK and Slovakia. AFG has about 50 production and distribution companies around the world, as well as several representative offices and partners. It is active in more than 70 countries in total. Its brands - Kermi, Arbonia, Prolux, ASCO Swiss, Aqualux, Forster Küchen, Forster Kühlen, Warendorf, Piatti, EgoKiefer, RWD Schlatter, Slovaktual, Forster Präzisionsstahlrohre, Forster Profilsysteme, STI | Hartchrom and Asta – are at the heart of its business. With these brands, AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG has built up leading positions in its home markets of Switzerland and Germany. It is also engaged in intensive efforts to develop new markets in Eastern Europe, Russia, and the Middle and Far East, though always with a close eye on the general economic situation. A separate Asia Pacific regional branch was set up in 2008. AFG's focus is on segments that reward outstanding innovation and responsiveness with robust margins and exceptional long-term growth potential.