



Press release

AFG disposes of Corporate Centre in Arbon

Further step in strategy implementation focussing on core business – Long-term cost reduction thanks to sale-and-rent-back transaction

A r b o n, 3 September 2012 – AFG Arbonia-Forster-Holding AG has sold the Corporate Centre in Arbon, which was opened in 2008, to an institutional investor with effect from 1 September 2012 so that it can be rented back as part of a sale-and-rent-back transaction. The long-term lease provides AFG with planning security, flexibility and at the same time contributes to the future improvement of results.

The sale of AFG's Corporate Centre in Arbon to a property fund belonging to Credit Suisse was certified on 31 August 2012. As of 1 September 2012 AFG will rent back the entire building and will continue to use it as its head office. The operational activities of AFG at the Arbon site are not affected by the sale-and-rent-back transaction for the Corporate Centre.

The Corporate Centre of AFG in Arbon, which was opened in 2008, has modern office space as well as large conference, meeting and reception rooms with a usable area of more than 9000 m². The underground car park which extends over three floors offers space for 250 vehicles.

It was agreed that silence would be maintained regarding the sales price. The sale means that pressure will be relieved on the profit and loss account in the future. The funds which have been released will be used to expand the core business and will help to further strengthen the financial position of the Group. The sale of the Corporate Centre will result in net value adjustments of approximately CHF 12 million. Despite the cost of this transaction, AFG is expecting a balanced annual result for 2012 after tax.

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AFG is a leading technology-driven, internationally active construction materials and machinery group which is renowned for its innovative solutions and services. The company has its head office in Arbon, in the canton of Thurgau (Switzerland), and is quoted on the Swiss Stock Exchange (SIX). It has about 50 production and distribution companies and is active worldwide, with offices and partners in over 70 countries.

The five Divisions, into which AFG is divided, reflect the Group's area of activity: Heating Technology and Sanitary Equipment, Kitchens and Refrigeration Technology, Windows and Doors, Steel Technology, and Surface Technology. Production facilities are located in Switzerland, Germany, France, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, the USA and China. In its domestic markets, Switzerland and Germany, AFG holds a leading market position. The Group is aiming at opening up new markets and expanding its international activities.