



Press Release

Sale of Industrielack Group (Ilag) to Helvetica Capital AG

Arbon, 27 June 2017 – Arbonia AG has sold the last company within the Coatings business unit. Swiss investment company Helvetica Capital AG (Helvetica) is acquiring the Industrielack Group (Ilag) retrospectively, as of 1 January 2017. The sale to such an investor, with an entrepreneurial mind-set, takes Ilag into a secure future.

Through the sale to Helvetica, Ilag will have the opportunity to grow its portfolio while benefiting from the network and thereby strengthen its market position. Thanks to Helvetica's active operational and strategical approaches, as well as the introduction of relevant expertise, the sustainable and long-term development of Ilag will be secured. The employment contracts of the 125 employees have been transferred.

Headquartered in Zürich, Helvetica Capital AG was founded in August 2015, and is an entrepreneurially-minded investor focussing on Swiss SME. This investment firm specifically aims to sustainably promote Swiss companies. As such, Helvetica guarantees Ilag an active, long-term, and independent progression.

Having successfully completed this transaction, Arbonia AG has achieved the sales goals for the entire heterogeneous Coatings business unit of Looser Holding AG. The sale of individual companies exceeded the sales price anticipated by the former Looser management: a total of CHF 116 million was achieved in company value. These proceeds will be used to reduce the net indebtedness of Arbonia AG. The sale of the Coatings business unit is thus finalised with the last closing on 26 June 2017.

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Arbonia is a focussed building supplier that is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and has its head office in Arbon, in the canton of Thurgau (Switzerland). The group is active worldwide with distribution companies as well as offices and partners in more than 70 countries. Its main production sites are located in Switzerland, Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Italy. Arbonia employs a total workforce of around 8000. The various business units/companies that make up Arbonia are active in the following sectors: heating technology, air-conditioning/ventilation technology, sanitary equipment, windows and external doors, profile systems, interior doors and industrial services.