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Pepperl+Fuchs acquires the proximity sensor business of Siemens

Mannheim - February 2010: Pepperl+Fuchs, worldwide leading manufacturer of electronic sensors and components for intrinsically safe explosion protection, acquires the proximity sensor business of Siemens. Thus Pepperl+Fuchs enlarges its product portfolio in the field of inductive proximity sensors and photoelectric sensors and at the same time strengthens its position in the market for ultrasonic sensor technology for the factory automation.

On 27th February, 2010, Pepperl+Fuchs, Mannheim, and the Siemens Division Industry Automation, Nuremberg, signed an agreement on the acquisition of the Siemens business with binary proximity sensors for the factory automation by Pepperl+Fuchs. To begin with the parties agreed upon an integration period during which they prepare a faultless transfer of the business to Pepperl+Fuchs. During this period Siemens will continue to accept and execute all orders for proximity sensors. At the end of the integration period this responsibility devolves to Pepperl+Fuchs. This approach shall take into account the efforts of both parties to guarantee a delivery capacity without interruption during the integration. The transfer of the business to Pepperl+Fuchs is scheduled for midyear.

“We wish to benefit from the technological spectrum, the highly qualified personnel, and the strong market position of Siemens, above all in the field of ultrasonic sensors, for becoming even more competitive and profitable”, said Dr. Gunther Kegel, CEO of Pepperl+Fuchs GmbH.

“Pepperl+Fuchs as a worldwide operating specialist in the field of electronic sensors and components for the automation industry offers the best foundations for further developing our

present business of binary production sensor technology”, said Hans-Georg Kumpfmüller, CEO of the Business Unit Sensors and Communication within the Siemens Division Industry Automation.

The medium-sized family-owned enterprise **Pepperl+Fuchs GmbH** (Mannheim) is one of the leading manufacturers in industrial sensor technology for the factory automation. Today the products range from magnetic/inductive technologies and capacitive, photoelectric and ultrasonic sensor to vision sensors and complex industrial vision systems. Also in the field of RFID and AS interfaces the company offers a wide product range. For process automation Pepperl+Fuchs leads the field of intrinsically safe explosion protection and in recent years has developed a new internationally approved product portfolio with communication components for fieldbuses. In 2009 the company had 3,750 employees worldwide and achieved sales of € 300 million worldwide. www.pepperl-fuchs.com

The **Siemens Industry Automation Division** (Nuremberg, Germany) is a worldwide leader in the fields of automation systems, industrial controls and industrial software. Its portfolio ranges from standard products for the manufacturing and process industries to solutions for whole industrial sectors that encompass the automation of entire automobile production facilities and chemical plants. As a leading software supplier, Industry Automation optimizes the entire value added chain of manufacturers – from product design and development to production, sales and a wide range of maintenance services. With around 39,000 employees worldwide (September 30), Siemens Industry Automation achieved sales of €7.0 billion in fiscal year 2009. www.siemens.com/industryautomation

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