

Media Release

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COMET Group and Bühler AG announce strategic partnership to develop new applications based on ebeam

The COMET Group and the Bühler technology group, based in Uzwil, Switzerland, will work together to develop new applications based on COMET's compact ebeam technology.

Bühler, the Uzwil-based family-owned company, is a global, industrial solution provider for processing foods and for manufacturing advanced materials, contributing to food security and high energy efficiency.

COMET Group, the Flamatt based company, is a leading global provider of high-quality systems, components and services in x-ray, RF and ebeam technologies. The group developed the compact ebeam technology enabling manufacturers to create new materials, save energy, eliminate toxic chemicals while at the same time accelerating throughput.

Preliminary testing has been encouraging, in terms of technical results and proof of partnership. Accordingly, the two partners have decided to announce their collaboration aimed at exploiting ebeam technologies in the medium- and long-term.

"In COMET we have identified a highly professional and skilled partner, bringing deep expertise in their technology and an innovation spirit that is highly compatible with that of Bühler. We are encouraged by our first steps together and although we are at the nascence of our partnership we are excited by the possibilities ahead", Ian Roberts, CTO Bühler.

"In Bühler, the COMET Group gains another strong partner – in addition to Tetra Pak – in the push to advance highly scalable industrial applications for ebeam and to develop new markets for our compact, efficient, and eco-improving technology", notes Charles Flükiger, President of X-Ray & ebeam Technologies, COMET Group. "As market leaders in our respective core businesses, Bühler and the COMET Group are ideally equipped to succeed in bringing technological innovations to the world market."

Further details are planned to be provided on COMET Group's Investor Day.



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COMET Group

The COMET Group is one of the world's leading vendors of x-ray, radio frequency (RF) and ebeam technology. With high-quality components, systems and services, the Group helps its customers maximize the quality, reliability and efficiency of their products and processes. COMET AG was founded in 1948. Based in Flamatt, Switzerland, the Group has a presence in all world markets. COMET's stock (COTN) is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. COMET, YXLON and ebeam – each of the Group's three strong brands serves different markets. YXLON x-ray systems for non-destructive testing are supplied to end customers in the automotive, aerospace and electronics sectors. Under the COMET brand, the company builds high-quality, high-tech components and modules, such as x-ray sources, vacuum capacitors, RF generators and impedance matching networks. These products are in demand by manufacturers in the automotive, aerospace, semiconductor and solar industries as well as in airport security applications. Under its "ebeam" brand, the Group offers very compact, powerful ebeam sets currently used especially in the non-contact sterilization of beverage packaging.

About Bühler

Every day, billions of people come into contact with Bühler technologies to cover their basic needs for foods, mobility, or communication. With our industrial process technologies and solutions, we contribute significantly to feeding the world's population, setting the focus on food security and safety. Bühler flour mills process around 65 percent of the wheat harvested worldwide into flour. Its contribution to processing rice and producing pasta, chocolate, or breakfast cereals is similarly important. Moreover, Bühler is a leading solution provider of die casting, wet grinding, and surface coating technologies, with an emphasis on automotive, optics, electronics, printing & packaging inks, and glass applications. The solutions provided to these industries are distinguished by high energy efficiency and sustainable mobility. As a leading technology group, Bühler invests up to 5 percent of its sales in research and development. In 2014, its 10,600 employees at some 140 sites generated a turnover of CHF 2.3 billion. The family-owned company Bühler is proud of its Swiss roots and feels particularly committed to sustainability.



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