

## **Accuron Technologies acquires mechatronic systemtechnik GmbH**

Accuron Technologies Limited ("Accuron Group"), a precision engineering and technology group that is wholly-owned by Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited based in Singapore, has acquired Austria-based thin wafer handling technology leader, mechatronic systemtechnik GmbH ("mechatronic") from its main investors, Danube Equity and FIDURA Private Equity Funds for an undisclosed sum.

Accuron Group owns businesses in Aerospace, Medical and Industrial Equipment. This acquisition will enable Accuron Group to enlarge its portfolio to benefit from the major growth trends in industry segments such as Internet of Things, electric mobility, and industry automation.

Mr. Peter Angermayer, CEO of Danube Equity and chairman of the advisory board of mechatronic said: "In the last ten years, mechatronic systemtechnik has grown from a technology start-up company to a recognized leading global provider of automated semiconductor wafer handling tools. Today, the company supplies its unique, IP-protected products to well-known fabs, foundries and semiconductor equipment manufacturers in Asia, Europe and US. The sustainable high growth rates in relevant end markets of new generation devices with low power consumption, small dimensions and high bandwidths enabled mechatronic systemtechnik to achieve its impressive track record. With the Accuron Group, we found the perfect strategic investor who will continue to support its growth in the future. Accuron offers synergies in sales, purchasing and all strategic topics. For mechatronic and all its staff, this is an important step towards a bright future."

Mr. Klaus Ragotzky, CEO and Founder of FIDURA Private Equity Funds based in Munich, Germany, enthuses about the technological competence and synergies with the Accuron Group, and looks forward to mechatronic strengthening its position as a leading expert of integrated material handling for the whole semiconductor value chain: "From the very minute of our engagement with mechatronic in 2008, we kept a strict and continuous focus on achieving the right market positioning and sustainable technological advancements of the company. The goal was to make mechatronic an attractive acquisition as quickly as possible to a global industry player like Accuron with the ability to ride the mega industry trends, thus securing the future growth of mechatronic along with an attractive return on our investment. At this point, we thank the management team of mechatronic for its constructive collaboration and its high degree of commitment".

Mr. Tan Kai Hoe, Accuron Group President and CEO said: "We are excited to have mechatronic systemtechnik GmbH, a leading thin wafer handling solutions specialist, join the Accuron Industrial Group of companies. This acquisition will complement the technological capabilities of our Rosenheim, Germany-based subsidiary, esmo AG in the semiconductor space. We are a firm believer in fostering stronger and closer partnership with our valued customers. With the addition of thin-wafer handling solutions to our product portfolio, we aim to be a handling equipment specialist with the technology and competency to support our customers' increasingly sophisticated semiconductor manufacturing needs across the entire value chain. We are also very impressed by the people in mechatronic, especially the management team led by Mr Walter Schober (the founder and CEO) and Dr. Christoph Rauch (the Managing Director). They will continue to helm the company and we very much look forward to working together to take the company to greater heights."

Mr Walter Schober was heartened by the confidence that Accuron has expressed in the management of mechatronic. "I think I speak for both Christoph Rauch and myself that we are really looking forward to being part of the Accuron family and working with Accuron on the many exciting possibilities and opportunities that are unfolding."

Accuron Group will position mechatronic under its Industrial Technologies Division, Accuron Industrial Technologies GmbH, a Germany-based holding company for industrial equipment businesses, with Mr Walter Schober and Dr. Christoph Rauch continuing as the CEO and Managing Director of mechatronic respectively. mechatronic will tap into the greater Accuron network to enhance its services and support to its global customers.

#### **About Sellers**

Danube Equity is the venture capital subsidiary of Austria-based steel company voestalpine Group and has been engaged with mechatronic systemtechnik since 2004.

FIDURA is a German group of independent Private Equity Funds, investing in growth-oriented and innovative mid-sized companies based primarily in German-speaking countries. FIDURA has been engaged with mechatronic systemtechnik GmbH since 2008.

#### **About Accuron Technologies Limited**

Accuron is a precision engineering and technology group wholly-owned by Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited in Singapore. The Accuron Industrial Technologies Division ("AIT"), through the business of esmo AG, SLE electronic GmbH and Zasche Handling GmbH, specialises in the design and manufacturing of semi-automated and fully automated engineering solutions to serve customers across the globe. esmo AG offers specialised material handling solutions to the semiconductor industry and provides a wide array of customised automation solutions to end-industries ranging from automotive, consumer products, electric mobility to food & beverage. SLE electronic GmbH is a specialist in providing standard and customised in-line high quality water based cleaning systems, as well as coating and finishing preservation systems. Zasche Handling GmbH, with more than 80 years of experience in the field of load handling, offers customised pillar-mounted and ceiling-mounted manipulators for the automotive, printing, textile, electrical equipment and construction industries. AIT operates a sales and customer support network in Asia, Europe and America to meet the needs of its global customers.

#### **About mechatronic systemtechnik GmbH**

For many years, mechatronic has been the leading manufacturer of automated wafer handling systems for the advanced semiconductor industry. As a high tech company headquartered in Villach, Austria, mechatronic is a trusted partner for leading semiconductor manufacturers and OEMs for the handling of thin/ultra-thin, FOWLP/eWLB, and MEMS wafer used for the fast growing automotive and telecommunication industry. The company's wafer handling (EFEM), packing/unpacking, sorting, and TAIKO ring removing systems are equipped with special end effector, chucks, robots and pre-aligners in order to ensure safe and reliable transport of the even most critical wafers. mechatronic maintains close proximity to customers through its regional sales and service locations based in major semiconductor industry centers.

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