

Merger of the companies Sysmelec SA and mta automation ag

At last!

After almost 10 years spent “living together” in their premises in Gals and following a strategy initiated several years ago, the companies Sysmelec SA and mta automation ag are pleased to announce that they will merge at an operational level on January 1st 2012, thereby creating **Unitechnologies SA**.

For information, mta was founded in 1966 and was based in Brügg (BE) until the end of 2001. For its part, Sysmelec was established in 1982 and was based in Neuchâtel, also until the end of 2001.

The creation of Unitechnologies SA, through the merger of Sysmelec and mta, gives rise to a new company of considerable size in the world of automation. It will have more than 100 highly qualified employees and will include mta sales subsidiaries in Germany and production and sales subsidiaries in the United States. The good current level of orders and planned growth of the activities means that this merger can take place without any job losses and that the new company can boast a structure perfectly adapted to the current and future needs of its customers.

Unitechnologies SA will associate the numerous complementary skills existing at Sysmelec and mta. Through the effect of size and synergies, the new company will be able to significantly improve the services offered to its customers. Its products will be sold under the registered trademarks Sysmelec® and mta®.

Under the Sysmelec® brand name, Unitechnologies SA will strengthen its activities in the **design and manufacture of special machines**, intended mainly for the automated assembly of microtechnical products that are demanding in terms of precision and integrated processes. The range of Sysmelec® standardized palletization and surgical suture crimping systems will in addition be supplemented and reinforced at a commercial level.

Under the mta® brand name, Unitechnologies SA will strengthen its position as a leader in **volumetric microdispensing** and **selective soldering** processes based on standardized platforms. The product range includes simple manual systems, semi-automatic table robots and entirely automatic production cells.

In the future, new and innovative products destined for the automation of technological processes will be added to the range of current equipment. Unitechnologies SA will thus continue its international deployment on the traditional markets of Sysmelec and mta, namely: medical, watchmaking, automotive, microelectronic, electromechanical and optoelectronic.

The Board of Directors, chaired by Mr Michel Assaf, has decided to assign the General Management of Unitechnologies SA to Mr Emilio Stornaiuolo in the capacity of CEO, which function he has already occupied with mta automation ag since 2008.

Jean-Claude Prélaz, CEO of Sysmelec SA since 1991, will join the Board of Directors and will be responsible for Business Development in the new company.

While the merger becomes effective operationally from January 1st 2012, the legal merger will not take place until later in the year. The latter will be announced in good time.

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