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Stern-Wywiol Gruppe experiences growth

HAMBURG, GERMANY — The Stern-Wywiol Gruppe in Hamburg, Germany achieved a two-digit growth rate again in 2010 and increased the consolidated turnover of its affiliates to €270 million as compared to €223 million in 2009, the company said on May 3.

Torsten Wywiol, 45, son of the founder Volkmar Wywiol, took over the management of the group on Jan. 1.

Under the umbrella of the Stern-Wywiol Gruppe, 11 independent companies develop, produce and market functional ingredients for food and animal nutrition. Established by Volkmar Wywiol 30 years ago as a one-man business, the group of companies has grown to become one of the leading specialists in the global ingredients market with more than 650 employees.

Torsten Wywiol took over chairmanship of the board at the turn of the year. He joined the group more than 10 years ago as managing director of the affiliate Herza Schokolade in Norderstedt. For three years he has managed the business of the holding company with his father.

“With this handover we have achieved a smooth generation change and created the basis for a successful future as a family business,” said Volkmar Wywiol, who will remain on the board and continue to accompany the group’s operations.

Eleven independent German companies focus on specific industries with tailor-made



The founder of the Stern-Wywiol-Gruppe, Volkmar Wywiol, left, and his son Torsten Wywiol. Torsten Wywiol, 45, took over the management of the group on Jan. 1. Photo courtesy of Stern-Wywiol-Gruppe.

services and closeness to the customer. The heart of the group is the Technology Centre in Ahrensburg, near Hamburg, where extensive applications development work is carried out in a total of 11 laboratories.

In 2011, Torsten Wywiol intends to invest more than €5 million in enlarging the Technology Centre and a further €10 million in a production plant at the SternMaid facility in Wittenburg (Mecklenburg-West Pomerania).

“With a better pilot plant in our testing laboratories, we shall be able to enhance convenience food still further with tailor-made func-

tional systems. Many of our customers do not have such a wide range of applications technology of their own, and that makes us interesting as sparring partners,” Torsten Wywiol said.

The group exports more than 80% of its products and is therefore firmly established internationally on a broad basis. In order to advise customers in 110 countries at present and supply them with individual solutions, the company runs foreign affiliates of its own in Russia, Mexico, Singapore, Malaysia, India and China. Yet another branch opened in Brazil at the end of 2010.

Satake Europe Ltd., ESM (UK) Ltd. merge

HIROSHIMA, JAPAN — Satake Corporation recently announced the merger of its vision systems business trading unit ESM (UK) Ltd. and its cereal milling engineering business, trading as Satake Europe Ltd., into a single company.

The name of ESM is now redundant and the newly combined businesses will trade under the name of Satake Europe.

Satake Europe is a division of Satake USA Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Satake Corporation, Japan.

The company said it was pleased to announce this merger to all its customers in Europe, Africa and the Middle East as it will “facilitate greater efficiencies within our business and as such will allow us to reflect such benefits when dealing with your requirements.”

Satake Europe noted that should any questions remain or if further clarification is required, contact a member of the Satake management team or refer to the company’s website: www.satake-europe.com.

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