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Montana Tech Components's ASTA acquires Brazilian copper wire producer PPE

Reinach/Oed, September 11th, 2015. ASTA-Group, a member of Montana Tech Components AG (MTC), takes over Brazilian PPE. With this acquisition ASTA, a leading supplier of copper wires for the high-energy market, enhances its market position in the American growth-market massively. With this acquisition the industrial group MTC is going to exceed the 1 billion Euro threshold.

“PPE is the largest producer of copper and aluminium wires in South America. With this acquisition ASTA makes a major step towards global leadership in the field of winding material for transformers and generators”, so Michael Tojner, CEO of MTC, in a first statement. „PPE is also the quality leader in its market and hence a perfect fit for our strategy: besides volume, we also work hard to differentiate ourselves qualitative and technological”.

The corresponding signing and closing of the contracts for the acquisition was effected on September 10th. PPE Fios Esmaltados S.A., with 350 employees and a turnover of app. BRL 600 million (EUR 175 million) is the largest producer of magnetic wires in South America. The main plant is located in Cerquillo, app. 200 km northwest of Sao Paulo, a second smaller set-up is located in the southern state of Santa Catharina. PPE produces enamelled copper and aluminium wires for the energy-market and for other industries (automotive, compressors ...). PPE perfectly complements the existing product portfolio of ASTA-Group regionally as well as on the product side and strengthens the position of the company on the American growth-market.

Beside this acquisition, ASTA has invested more than EUR 20 million in expanding its plant in Austria in order to increase production capacity by 25% and enter new customer and product segments. Including PPE, ASTA will reach a turnover of app. EUR 360 million and will employ more than 900 people. Therefore the whole industrial group MTC is going to exceed the 1 billion Euro threshold.

“The well-known ASTA-technology in combination with PPE's established market position in South America will give us very good synergies. Beside Brazil, Columbia and Venezuela we certainly plan to become more active in North America”, says Klaus Borstner, CEO of ASTA.

The Austrian company, which is celebrating its 200 year-anniversary next week is also planning an expansion into Southeast Asia.

About ASTA Energy Transmission Components GmbH:

ASTA, a company of the industrial group Montana Tech Components, was established in Oed (Wiener Neustadt) in 1814. With currently 570 employees and three production sites (Austria, China & India), ASTA is market leader in its niche market of copper winding material for the energy-sector. As a quality and technology leader, manufacturers of transformers and generators are supplied with winding material made of copper (especially continuously transposed conductors, insulated winding wire, and Roebel bars) worldwide. ASTA Group achieved revenues of EUR 186 million in the fiscal year 2014. www.asta.at

About Montana Tech Components AG:

Montana Tech Components AG is a technology- und innovation oriented industrial group active in the growing markets of Aerospace, Energy Storage, Metallurgy und Industrial Components. The individual group companies occupy leading positions in their respective niche markets.

With a focus on selected key technologies, market leadership and continual innovation, Montana Tech Components pursues a sustainable growth strategy. With currently 5,500 employees worldwide in 64 sites, Montana Tech Components generated total revenues of EUR 830 million in 2014 (incl. associated companies). www.montanatechcomponents.com

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