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RENOLIT closes Salzgitter site

Worms/Salzgitter, 13 July 2009 – It is official now: The Salzgitter production site of **RENOLIT AG**, with their headquarters in Worms, will be closed effective 30 September 2009. On 29 June 2009, the site management and the works council signed a reconciliation of interests as well as a social compensation plan. 102 employees are affected by this closure, including 4 trainees, who will continue their apprenticeship in other regional companies.

„We know that the plant closure creates a difficult situation for the affected employees and their families“, said Mr. Wilfried Gutzler. The Head of Group Human Resources refers to a for both parties satisfactory negotiation result, „even though monetary benefits are only a short-term compensation for the loss of ones work place.“ Therefore, the company has also offered its Salzgitter employees the prospect of a working place in other sites of the company.

Problematic market situation

Background to this closure are the constantly high profit losses generated by the Salzgitter plant over several years. Despite considerable investments into the modernization of the production facilities as well as product development, it was not possible to bring this plant back into the profit zone. In view of the market development in the segments of labelling and packaging films, sufficient improvement of the economic situation cannot be expected, not even long-term. In addition, the currently suffered drop in sales as a result of the economically challenging times has also a particularly dramatic impact. An alternative site salvation plan developed by the works council proved ineffective in ensuring the sustainable recovery of the site.



The **RENOLIT** plant in Salzgitter uses cast film extrusion lines to produce about 25.000 tons of film per year, which are predominantly used in the Business Units **RENOLIT CONTACT**, **RENOLIT EXTERIOR** and **RENOLIT EXTRUSION**. Only a minor part of this production will be relocated to other sites, the factory premises are to be sold.

The company

The **RENOLIT** Group is an international leader in the manufacture of high-quality plastic films and related products for technical applications. This independent family-run business, which has been setting benchmarks for quality and innovation for over 60 years, now employs a workforce of approximately 4,200 employees at 37 production sites and sales companies. The **RENOLIT** brand enjoys a worldwide reputation for technical expertise, modern product design and customer-orientated service.

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