

Change of Name: Manz Automation AG is now Manz AG

- The high-tech engineering company is communicating its new self-image
- The focus of its expertise has been on integrated production systems for fast-growing industries for many years
- Being active in a wide range of industries guarantees Manz's "growth story"

Reutlingen, June 29, 2011. The name says it all: Manz Automation AG is now Manz AG. By making this change, the globally active high-tech engineering company is communicating its expanded range of expertise and its development from a specialist for automation solutions to a supplier of integrated production systems. Today, Manz develops and builds processing equipment for the photovoltaic industry, for manufacturing flat panel displays and *touch panels*, as well as for lithium-ion batteries.

"After being in business for close to a quarter of a century, we can do a lot more today than just automation, and our name shouldn't restrict us to just that field," says Dieter Manz, founder and CEO of the company. Manz has focused its expertise on integrated production systems for several years now, anticipating a trend toward increasingly shorter process chains. "Module manufacturers need to carry out more than 20 individual steps to manufacture a thin-film solar module. And in order to do so, they have to run 20 different processing machines. I am confident that, in a few years, this number will be much smaller, since the sustained cost pressure is forcing them to become increasingly efficient. We will build machines that can complete several steps of the process, but first we need to master each and every one of those steps," explains Dieter Manz.

With its slogan *passion for efficiency*, Manz's engineers are making the promise to continue offering its customers – all companies active in important future markets – increasingly efficient production equipment. At the *manz media day* press event on September 1, 2011, members of senior management and prominent figures from around the industry will provide information about the trends in Manz AG's core markets.

The change of name is effective after entry in the trade register.

About Manz

Manz Automation AG, headquartered in Reutlingen, Germany, is one of the world's leading high-tech engineering firms. Founded in 1987, in recent years the company has developed from an automation specialist into a supplier of integrated production lines for crystalline solar cells and thin-film solar modules as well as for manufacturing flat panel displays. One of its newest areas of business is the development and manufacture of production systems for lithium-ion batteries. The company, led by founder Dieter Manz, has been listed on the stock exchange in Germany since 2006, and currently operates production facilities in Germany, China, Taiwan, Slovakia, and Hungary. At the end of the first quarter Manz Automation AG had approximately 1,900 employees, 800 of which work in Asia. With its new claim "Passion for Efficiency," Manz's engineers make the promise to offer its customers – all companies active in important future markets – increasingly efficient production equipment.

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