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Sika acquires Maxit's bridge business

Sika AG in Baar, Switzerland, has taken over the Polymert KIB (Constructive Structural Engineering) Division of the Maxit Group.

Maxit, a HeidelbergCement AG company headquartered in Germany, is one of the largest mortar producers in the world. The acquired sector is strongly positioned in the German markets for renovation and sealing of bridges.

Sika will now strengthen its position in this project-oriented, consultation-intensive business. Sika Deutschland, the German arm of Sika, expects to capitalize on the acquisition and gain added volume. The acquired sector does some CHF 19 mil. in annual business.

The integration into Sika Deutschland is to take place on November 1, 2005 and is subject to regulatory approval by the competition authorities.

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Company Profile Sika AG

Sika AG, based in Baar, Switzerland, is a leading global supplier of specialty chemicals. Sika offers process materials for sealing, bonding, damping, reinforcing and protecting of load-bearing structures in construction (buildings and infrastructure) and in industry (transportation, automotive, marine and appliances & building components). Sika's product line includes concrete admixtures, specialty mortars, sealants, adhesives, specialty acoustic and reinforcing materials, structural strengthening systems, industrial flooring and membranes.

Locally based operations in 68 countries with over 9'200 employees connect customers directly with Sika and guarantee for the success of all our partners. With this concept Sika achieves annual sales of approximately CHF 2.6 billion.

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