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## **Putzmeister and Sika form strategic alliance**

Sika AG, Baar, Switzerland, a chemical specialties company, and Putzmeister AG, Aichtal, Germany, had entered into a strategic global alliance in the tunneling and mining sector. Putzmeister is a leader in the production and development of materials placing equipment for concrete, mortar and other high-viscosity materials.

Putzmeister will be responsible for the production of shotcrete systems; Sika is to serve as the exclusive sales agent. Both companies operate plants and sales organizations worldwide.

In addition Putzmeister and Sika pool their years of experience and professional know-how. As a result customers will henceforth benefit from new, innovative developments in shotcrete equipment.

Sika will continue to produce Aliva rotor machines.

The alliance will strengthen the market position in tunneling and mining of both companies throughout the world.

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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 & equipment).

Sika's product line includes concrete admixtures, speciality mortars, sealants, adhesives, speciality acoustic and reinforcing materials, structural strengthening systems, industrial flooring and membranes.

Locally based operations in 64 countries with over 8'500 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 2.1 billion.

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