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**Kautex Maschinenbau – Continued strong growth and extended service offering in Russia**

Kautex Maschinenbau is continuing its strong growth thanks to innovative new developments and finished 2016 on a high with record sales. Managing Partner Andreas Lichtenauer puts this success down to a proactive service policy, a fast ongoing decentralization and with this a better understanding of customer requirements. The leading manufacturer of extrusion blow molding machines launched three new machine designs during 2016.

The company is now in the process of expanding its Bonn production location to meet rising demand. From Q3 2017, a new 3,900 m2 assembly hall will primarily be dedicated to assembling KBB packaging machines and KSB suction blow molding machines. Around 80 new office workstations are also being created.

The company is also pressing ahead with the localisation of its services. This plan includes the establishment of a Russian limited liability company in Moscow and a spare parts warehouse in St. Petersburg. This will optimise the supply processes for the Russian market from spring 2017 and ensure that spare parts can be offered in the national currency. All inquiries will be dealt with by Russian speakers.

**About Kautex Maschinenbau**
Eight decades of providing its customers with innovative products and services have turned Kautex Maschinenbau into one of the world's leading companies in extrusion blow molding technology. With customers that include major automobile manufacturers and suppliers, as well as companies working in the packaging industry. All of them have come to rely on the knowledge and experience of a brand that stands for both quality and reliability. With 460 employees in Germany and a further 170 around the world, Kautex Maschinenbau GmbH currently has an annual turnover of €110 million. In addition to its HQ in Bonn and regional offices in the USA, Russia, China, Italy and India, Kautex operates an extensive network of service and sales offices around the world.

For more information about the company and its products and services, please go to:
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