

Diametal and SCT – Two mutually inspiring, strong partners

Diametal AG, Biel, is merging with SCT Holding SA. SCT owns the Biel-based companies BT Bienne Special Tools Sàrl and Malisani Sàrl, as well as André Brandt SA from La Chaux-de-Fonds. By joining forces, under the parent company Kowema AG, the two companies will be in a better position to serve the needs of their customers.

Our customers especially can benefit from this merger of two strong partners in Biel. We will be in a position to offer even greater flexibility thanks to our excellently qualified employees and two state-of-the-art, highly complementary fleets of machinery. Now our customers can look forward to new products and services, as well as shorter delivery times. Moreover, the available synergies will strengthen the Biel location in the long term.

Even after the enlargement, the Diametal Group will remain under the management of CEO Dr.-Ing. Michael Op de Hipt. His competency and long-standing industry experience find their perfect counterpart in the entrepreneurial spirit of Alexandre Trachsel and Manuele Bonù, the current owners of SCT, as well as the current management team at Diametal. The Membership of the Kowema Group and its network will support this development even more.

"The two companies will draw mutual inspiration from this merger", says Michael Op de Hipt with conviction, emphasising immediately that "the business areas and operations of all associated enterprises are entirely complementary." Alexandre Trachsel agrees wholeheartedly, adding: "This merger is an important step to secure the long-term, successful future of these already excellently positioned SMEs in an increasingly demanding market environment."

The SCT will be transferred to Diametal Invest AG in Biel under the terms of a long-term company succession arrangement that was agreed at an early date. Diametal is fully owned by Kowema AG, Rotkreuz, which, by initiating this transaction within the broader framework of its strategy, has made yet another an important contribution to protecting jobs and strengthening mid-sized companies.

About Diametal (www.diametal.ch)

Diametal has been active in the development and production of grinding and carbide tools, as well as wear parts and components made of hard materials, for more than 80 years. The headquarters and factory are located in Biel. Moreover, Diametal is represented by a production facility in Alsace and trade organisations in Italy and China. Targeted research and development have allowed Diametal to acquire extensive technical knowledge that it uses to provide ideal troubleshooting solutions on behalf of its customers.

About SCT (www.btbiemme.ch)

The SCT Group and its three companies BT Bienne Special Tools Sàrl, Malisani Sàrl and André Brandt SA offer high-quality special tools made of carbide. They are used in a variety of sectors, including the watch-making, automotive, electronics, medicinal and dental industries. The range includes drills, reamers, checking gauges and bore cutters. The company also offers technical support for the development and implementation of new products, as well as the optimisation of current products.

About Kowema (www.kowema.ch)

Kowema brings together a network of Swiss SMEs under uniform management. All of these companies were acquired under succession arrangements and have since been managed sustainably in the interests of the seller. The five current companies develop, produce and sell technically sophisticated products and services at their locations in Switzerland and abroad. Company pension funds and collective foundations for SMEs are the founders and owners of Kowema AG. The Group currently employs a workforce of over 1,600.

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