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New company name:

RAIL.ONE GmbH Pfleiderer track systems

Neumarkt, Germany, 19 April 2006 – Effective on 13 April, Axa Private Equity will become the new owner of Pfleiderer track systems. The company AXA Private Equity, founded in 1996, is a subsidiary of AXA Investment Managers, with offices in Paris, Frankfurt, London, New York, and Singapore. AXA Private Equity has specialized in investment in companies not listed on the stock exchange. As part of the sale of business activities to AXA Private Equity, Pfleiderer track systems will change its corporate name to RAIL.ONE GmbH.

The management of RAIL.ONE GmbH will include the following: Richard Ziegler (CEO), Hans Bachmann, and Gerhard Binner.

For Richard Ziegler, CEO of the Board of Management of RAIL.ONE GmbH, the new independence of the company represents its launch into a promising future: "We can now continue to expand our potential as a flexible, medium-sized company, and to respond even faster to the requirements of our customers and of the market in general."

Profile of RAIL.ONE

RAIL.ONE GmbH – known until now as Pfleiderer track systems – conducts business with the goal of providing comprehensively oriented systems and engineering for the entire field of railway tracks and their many and varied requirements. The company has also achieved an internationally leading position in the area of high-speed rail transportation. In addition, RAIL.ONE manufactures main-track and turnout sleepers made of concrete. In this area, RAIL.ONE GmbH

– in close collaboration with its customers and partners – carries out as one-stop supplier all activities involved in product development, manufacture, and application of concrete sleepers: beginning with engineering; including production, supply, and logistics; and extending to quality management.

With plants in Germany, Holland, Romania, Spain, and Hungary, RAIL.ONE produces more than 2 million main-track sleepers, as well as over 500,000 linear metres of turnout sleepers. In 2005, the company achieved sales of approx. 150 million euros.

Fifty years of corporate experience and innovative technological expertise have made RAIL.ONE one of the most powerful and reliable global partners in the development and construction of railway track systems: for the transregional mainline and urban-transport rail traffic of major national railway companies, as well as for underground and surface mass rapid transit.

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