## Press Release



# **RAMPF Group continues to grow**

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Grafenberg, December 12, 2017. The international RAMPF Group is continuing on its growth path – consolidated sales in the financial year 2016/17 were 169 million euros, a rise of 10.5 percent on the previous year.

With innovative and customized products for reactive casting resins, machine systems, and composite-based lightweight construction, the companies of the international RAMPF Group achieved solid growth on virtually all markets in financial year 2016/17.

RAMPF Production Systems, RAMPF Eco Solutions, RAMPF Polymer Solutions, RAMPF Tooling Solutions, and the Japanese subsidiary RAMPF Group Japan all performed well in a globalized and dynamic competitive environment and continued to grow, while RAMPF Machine Systems maintained last year's sales levels.

## **Double-digit growth in China and the United States**

The Chinese subsidiary RAMPF (Taicang) benefited greatly from the increasing quality requirements on the Chinese market with machine beds made of mineral casting and two-component plastic systems based on polyurethane, epoxy, and silicone. Due to the long-term positive market outlook, production capacity is being increased substantially in 2018 with the construction of a new production building.

The North American subsidiary RAMPF Group, Inc. achieved significant growth on the markets of the NAFTA region (United States, Mexico, and Canada) with casting resin systems, mixing and dispensing systems, and materials for modeling and mold engineering. Growth was also driven by the successful integration of Innovative Polymers Inc., acquired in July 2016, a leading U.S. supplier of polyurethane systems for applications in tool and model engineering.

RAMPF Composite Solutions, a leading expert in the design, engineering, and manufacture of composites parts for the aerospace and medical industries based in Burlington, Canada, is also growing: With numerous projects and new applications, particularly in the aviation industry, the company is very well placed to play a key long-term role in the success of the RAMPF Group.

## Record investment of 20 million euros

Mirroring the growth in sales, the number of employees has also risen. At the end of financial year 2016/17 at June 30, 2017, RAMPF had a workforce of 794 worldwide, 10.9 percent up on the previous year. In the first five months of the current financial year 2017/18, this figure further increased to over 830.

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"RAMPF has enjoyed uninterrupted growth since financial year 2009/10 thanks to the close and trust-based collaboration with our customers and partners, and the commitment and creativity of our employees," says Michael Rampf, CEO of RAMPF Holding. "We're looking to continue this positive trend, which is why we'll be investing around 20 million euros in new buildings, machinery, plants, and our employees in the current financial year – a record sum for our group."



Planning a record investment of 20 million euros for the current financial year 2017/18 (from left to right): Michael Rampf, Matthias Rampf (CEOs of RAMPF Holding), and Horst Bader (Managing Director and CFO of RAMPF Holding)

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The RAMPF Group stands for **engineering and chemical solutions** and caters to the economic and ecological needs of industry.

The range of competencies includes:

- > production and recycling of **materials** for modeling, lightweight construction, bonding, and protection;
- > technical **production systems** for precise, dynamic positioning and automation, as well as technologies for complex composite parts production:
- > comprehensive range of solutions and services, particularly for innovative customer-specific requirements.

With this know-how, RAMPF helps its customers to achieve profitable and sustainable growth.

The Group secures its presence on the international markets with 800 employees and six core competencies:

- > RAMPF Machine Systems based in Wangen (Göppingen), Germany, develops and produces multi-axis positioning and moving systems, trunk machines, and basic machines based on high-precision machine beds and machine bed components made from alternative materials.
- > **RAMPF Production Systems** based in Zimmern o. R., Germany, develops and produces mixing and dispensing systems for bonding, sealing, foaming, and casting a wide variety of materials. The company also offers a wide range of automation skills relating to all aspects of process engineering.
- > RAMPF Composite Solutions based in Burlington, Ontario, Canada, is a holistic composites supplier to companies in the aerospace and medical industries. The company offers a complete suite of services including composite part design and engineering, metal-to-composite conversion engineering, and composite manufacturing to very tight tolerances.
- > RAMPF Eco Solutions based in Pirmasens, Germany, develops chemical solutions for the manufacture of high-quality alternative polyols from PU and PET waste materials. This expertise is also put to use in the planning and construction of customer-specific facilities for manufacturing polyols.
- > **RAMPF Polymer Solutions** based in Grafenberg, Germany, develops and produces reactive resin systems based on polyurethane, epoxy, and silicone. Its product portfolio includes liquid and thixotropic sealing systems, electro and engineering casting resins, edge and filter casting resins, and adhesives.
- > **RAMPF Tooling Solutions** based in Grafenberg, Germany, develops and produces board and liquid materials for cutting-edge modeling and mold engineering. The range of skills includes made-to-measure services and products such as pastes, large-volume and full-size castings for Close Contour models, and prototyping systems.

RAMPF has subsidiaries in Germany, the U.S., Canada, Japan, and China.

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