

Media release

HTS to become RUAG Space Germany

Berne (CH)/Coswig (DE) 11 July 2018 Today, the aerospace supplier Hoch Technologie Systems (HTS) was renamed RUAG Space Germany. Representatives of the German Aerospace Centre and the Saxon Ministry for Economic Affairs were in attendance for the festivities. The new name is intended to reflect the close cooperation of the German aerospace hub with the teams in Zurich and other RUAG Space sites.

RUAG Space, the largest independent aerospace supplier in Europe, is strengthening its presence in Dresden. RUAG Space acquired HTS GmbH in the summer of 2016 and has now rechristened the new member of the group as RUAG Space Germany.

“Germany is the second largest aerospace nation in Europe, and we are very proud to be playing a part in this success. The aerospace business is a strategic focus of RUAG – and we want to continue growing in this field into the future, both in Switzerland and internationally,” explained Urs Breitmeier, the CEO of RUAG Group.

The festivities accompanying the renaming on 11 July were attended by 50 guests and staff, including Dr.-Ing. Walther Pelzer, member of the Management Board of the German Aerospace Centre, and Barbara Meyer, Director General of the Department of Industry, SMEs and Innovation in the Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport. RUAG CEO Urs Breitmeier opened the festivities.

From Saxony into outer space

HTS has more than 20 years of specialised experience with aerospace mechanisms under its belt, most of it acquired working with the aerospace supplier RUAG Space. RUAG Space held an interest in HTS for over a decade before fully taking it over in the summer of 2016.

In 2017, the company opened its new clean room in Coswig and won a major contract: As part of a consortium, it will now contribute mechanisms for the Large European Antenna project of the EU, the first collapsible large antenna produced in Europe.

RUAG in Germany

All five of RUAG’s divisions are represented in Germany, with development and production facilities at eight different locations in Germany – Oberpfaffenhofen, Fürth, Wedel, Dresden, Hallbergmoos, Kassel, Lichtenau and Sulzbach-Rosenberg. Around 2,700 employees work at these sites.

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Hoch Technologie Systeme (HTS) GmbH was founded in 1995 and has been manufacturing individual components for the aerospace industry ever since. In 2016, the company was fully taken over by RUAG Space.

RUAG Space is the leading aerospace supplier in Europe and is steadily expanding its presence in the USA. Almost 1,400 employees in six countries are involved in developing and manufacturing products for satellites and launchers, making RUAG Space a key player in both the institutional and commercial space markets. RUAG Space is a division of the international technology group RUAG.

RUAG develops and markets internationally sought-after technology applications in the fields of aerospace, security and defence for use on land, in the air and in space. 56% of RUAG's products and services are destined for the civilian market and 44% for the military market. The Group is headquartered in Berne, Switzerland. It has sites in Switzerland and 15 other countries in Europe, the USA and Asia-Pacific. RUAG generates sales of approximately CHF 1.96 billion and employs more than 9,200 people, of whom 400 are apprentices.