

Press Release:

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DNick Holding strengthens its market position through external growth

- subsidiary acquires thermobimetal business
- strategic acquisition strengthens group's core business

Schwerte, 27.08.10 – DNick Holding plc is strengthening its core business: the publicly quoted group is acquiring the thermobimetal business of Vacuumschmelze GmbH & Co. KG, Hanau, through its wholly owned subsidiary Auerhammer Metallwerk GmbH (AMW). This strategic acquisition will further strengthen the market position in the iron-nickel business segment of the DNick group whose companies are specialised in the manufacture of nickel, nickel alloys, and coin blanks. The companies have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

“This acquisition perfectly complements AMW’s existing product portfolio in this technically very sophisticated field of thin rolled thermobimetals,” comments Dr. Götz-Peter Blumbach, Chief Executive Officer of DNick Holding plc. The acquisition of know-how for the manufacture of snap action disc strips from Vacuumschmelze GmbH & Co. KG strengthens AMW’s position as European market leader in thermobimetals. They are used in the electrical industry, automotive engineering and in measuring and thermal technology for controllers and circuit breakers.

According to Blumbach, DNick Holding is supporting internal growth through the acquisition: “The group has reported a strong global demand for nickel alloys since the beginning of the year. Thanks to the acquisition, we can now accelerate external growth and strengthen our market position, especially in the iron-nickel segment.” In the course of the economic recovery, capacities at the AMW works are currently very well utilised. The greatly improved order position has meanwhile more than made up for the

downturn in sales of the previous year caused by the global recession.

At the end of last year, AMW had started a comprehensive modernisation programme. Having completed this programme, the company now has state-of-the-art cold rolling capacities at its disposal. The ultra-modern machinery allows the production of very thin snap action disc strips with lowest tolerances. The migration of the snap action disc business acquired from Hanau to Aue will begin in the fourth quarter of 2010 and will be completed at the latest in the first quarter of 2011.

The impact of the acquisition on the financial position and performance of DNick Holding will be specified in detail when the 2010 annual report is presented.

Further information is available at: www.dnickholding.de

About DNick Holding plc:

DNick Holding plc is one of the leading manufacturers worldwide of special materials made of nickel and nickel alloys, as well as of metal products. From its administrative centre in Schwerte in North Rhine-Westphalia, the company bundles all business activities of the DNick group as a holding company. The group is divided into the business areas of iron-nickel and coin blanks. In the business area iron-nickel, the group acts with the operative subsidiary companies Deutsche Nickel GmbH (Schwerte), Auerhammer Metallwerk GmbH (Aue) and Deutsche Nickel America Inc. (USA). In the business area coin blanks, the SAXONIA EuroCoin GmbH (Halsbrücke) and Compania Europea de Cosepeles S.A. (Spain) are active. In the 2009 business year, profit before tax of the group amounted to EUR 5.3 million. The founding of the DNick Holding plc as a public limited company in accordance with British law took place in 2005 in order to function as a holding for the business activities of the former Deutsche Nickel AG. Following successful restructuring of the entire company group, the DNick Holding plc was placed on the stock market in 2006. The stock is traded in the German unofficial regulated market at the stock exchange centres in Frankfurt, Berlin and on the XETRA platform.

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