

## **MBB Industries purchases DTS Systeme Annualised turnover rises to over €200 million**

Berlin, June 26, 2008. MBB Industries AG (ISIN DE000A0ETBQ4), a holding company specialising in medium-sized industrial companies with sustained value growth potential, has acquired an 80% stake in DTS Systeme, a company based in Herford. The sellers of DTS Systeme were the management and the DTS group. The remaining 20% will continue to be held by the general managers, Kai Mallmann and Ulrich Möller. Both parties have agreed to maintain silence regarding the selling price.

DTS Systeme is an IT infrastructure provider specialising in such fields as IT security, storage, virtualisation, and data centres. The company offers a wide variety of Internet services from its computer centre in the region of East Westphalia-Lippe. It also maintains offices in the cities of Bochum and Bremen. The business model comprises consultancy services, conceptual design, procurement, and the implementation and operation of IT environments.

DTS was founded in 1983. Today it employs 75 people and generates a profitable annual turnover of more than €19 million. Over the past 25 years, DTS has become well established in the East Westphalia-Lippe region, where it has developed into a market leader in the IT industry. It maintains solid partnerships to both customers and suppliers (including Preferred Partner GOLD status with Hewlett Packard and Microsoft).

By purchasing another medium-sized niche-market leader, MBB Industries is continuing to pursue its successful acquisition strategy. The fact that only a small number of providers among the competition supply the same specific product range as DTS Systeme, coupled with the rising demand for IT infrastructures and a business model that lends itself to other regions are all reasons why in the opinion of the MBB management board, the new MBB holding possesses solid conditions for sustained value enhancement. The consolidation of DTS Systeme as of June 26, 2008 means that MBB Industries' expected turnover will rise to more than €190 million for 2008. Annualised, the MBB group and its now 1,850 employees generate a turnover of more than €200 million. Existing liquidity will enable MBB Industries to conduct further acquisitions even following the takeover of DTS Systeme.

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