

## Joint PRESS RELEASE

# **MBB SE acquires majority in Aumann – cooperation with MBB Fertigungstechnik enables further growth in the field of e-mobility**

Berlin, 19 November 2015 – MBB SE (ISIN DE000A0ETBQ4), a family-owned, medium-sized company, has acquired 75% of shares in the Aumann Group from its sole managing partner. Aumann is a leading manufacturer of systems for coil winding of electric motors and for e-mobility. Through the collaboration of Aumann and MBB Fertigungstechnik, MBB and the managing partner of the Aumann Group intend to meet the rapid rise in demand for e-mobility solutions and are forecasting significant growth.

The Aumann Group ([www.aumann.com](http://www.aumann.com)) has grown impressively in recent years, and will generate profitable annual revenue in 2015 of around EUR 33 million with roughly 160 employees. Founded in 1936, Aumann is a world leader in special engineering for highly automated coil winding systems with locations in Espelkamp (East Westphalia), Berlin and the US. The company's products are especially used in the automotive industry for applications in the field of e-mobility. In light of electrification trends, Aumann technology also has an increasing number of applications in cars with conventional drive technology, where numerous motors enable comfort and driver assistance systems. Aumann's wide range of solutions for the production of electric motors gives the company an outstanding market position.

Besides the automotive sector, customers in the fields of electric household appliances, medical technology and general industry also benefit from Aumann's expertise. Increasing requirements for energy efficiency and the conservation of resources mean that the production of electric motors is becoming more challenging. Aumann's technological know-how allows for improvements in the performance and efficiency of motors while keeping their size constant. The combination of unique expertise in coil winding technology and the long-standing experience in automation predestines Aumann to play a leading role in the development of systems for the production of energy-efficient electric motors.

Aumann will cooperate with MBB Fertigungstechnik to manage its intended growth. Together, the companies form a machine manufacturing group with expertise in coil winding technology, assembly technology, joining technology, wire enamelling and tooling. The total revenue in machine manufacturing will amount to EUR 130 million with more than 500 qualified employees working at locations in Germany, China and the US. As part of the MBB Group, Aumann will continue to operate under its current name and at its current locations led by today's management.

MBB's equity investment in Aumann constitutes the acquisition of a highly successful company in an extremely promising market. Like many of MBB's companies, Aumann also has its roots in East Westphalia.

MBB's forecast for the 2015 financial year remains unchanged with consolidated revenue of EUR 250 million and earnings per share of more than EUR 1.75. The annualised revenue level for the MBB Group is now at EUR 285 million. The equity investment in Aumann will contribute to further growth in MBB's revenue and earnings for the financial year 2016. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price. MBB financed the investment from own funds. Even after this acquisition, MBB will have sufficient funding for further growth, including acquisitions.

Ingo Wojtynia, managing partner of the Aumann Group, is delighted with the takeover: "In MBB, we have found an ideal partner to secure the sustainable growth of the Aumann Group. For our employees, MBB is a long-term and reliable shareholder. In cooperation with MBB Fertigungstechnik, we will implement even more high-end automation solutions for our customers in the future."

Dr Christof Nesemeier, CEO of MBB SE, is convinced: "The Aumann Group is a perfect fit for MBB with its strong position in the growing e-mobility market. Together with Aumann's employees and the former sole managing partner, Ingo Wojtynia, we are looking forward to leading the company into a successful future. The cooperation with MBB Fertigungstechnik will put Aumann in an ever better position to offer comprehensive automation solutions in the field of e-mobility."

**About Aumann:**

Aumann is a world-leading machine manufacturer in the field of coil winding and wire enamelling technology and a provider of automation solutions for the production of electric engines. At the same time, Aumann is the only provider that has expertise and experience ranging from wire enamelling and coil winding to the comprehensive assembly of the finished product. Aumann generates a large portion of its revenue in the growing e-mobility market.

Further information on Aumann can be found on the Internet at  
<http://www.aumann.com>

**About MBB Fertigungstechnik:**

MBB Fertigungstechnik is a leading plant construction and automation specialist in the field of welding and assembly technologies. Since decades, MBB Fertigungstechnik plays a key role for individual components as a turnkey provider, especially for leading European automotive manufacturers and their suppliers.

Further information on MBB Fertigungstechnik can be found on the Internet at  
<http://www.mbb-fertigungstechnik.com>

**About MBB SE:**

MBB SE is a family-owned, medium-sized group that has expanded steadily since it was founded in 1995 through organic growth and the acquisition of companies. Increasing long-term value of the independent subsidiaries and the group as a whole is at the heart of its business model which has been highly profitable from the outset. Substantial growth and sustainable returns will remain MBB SE's goal in the future as well.

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