

Manz Automation AG mourns the loss of Dr. Jan Wittig, Chairman of the Supervisory Board

Reutlingen, March 9, 2010 – Manz Automation AG’s Managing Board and employees are mourning the loss of the Chairman of the company’s Supervisory Board, who died suddenly and unexpected last weekend. Dr. Wittig had supported the Reutlingen-based company since it became an *Aktiengesellschaft* (German Public Limited Company) in 2001. He provided the company with valuable impetus and in addition he fully supported the successful IPO.

Dieter Manz, Manz Automation AG’s CEO: “We are devastated by the loss of Dr. Wittig – a long-standing friend of our company. At the same time our sympathies are also with his family and relatives. Dr. Wittig did a lot for our company – we will remember him fondly for his work.”

The Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Prof. Dr. Heiko Aurenz, will temporarily take over the role of the Chairman. In addition, a third member of the Supervisory Board will be appointed by the court for the interim period in order to ensure that the Supervisory Board remains quorate, until a new member of the Supervisory Board can be elected by the General Meeting on June 22, 2010.

Company profile: Manz Automation AG

Reutlingen-based Manz Automation AG (ISIN: DE000A0JQ5U3) is one of the world’s leading technology providers for production systems in the photovoltaic industry, the LDC industry and for Li-ion battery production. The Manz Group’s core competences are in robotics, image processing, laser technology, quality assurance, metallization, wet chemicals as well as control and drive technology. In-depth research and development activities mean that Manz Automation now ranks among the world’s technology leaders in these segments. The Manz Group has sales and service branches in Germany, Taiwan, the USA, China, South Korea, India and Spain. In addition, the Manz Group has its own production facilities in Germany, Slovakia, Hungary, Taiwan and China.

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