

Annealsys joins ECM Group

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ECM Group, international leader in high performance industrial thermal solutions, with a turnover of more than 100 M€, present in more than 30 countries with 475 employees and 19 subsidiaries around the world, strengthens its manufacturing and sales activity of heat treatment furnaces with the acquisition of the company Annealsys.

This share buyback will give Annealsys the opportunity to pursue its growth while retaining its autonomy. The integration into the ECM Group will make it possible to consolidate and support an industrial project, implementing synergies for the development of innovative products and associated processes for the semiconductor industry and the R&D laboratories.

Joining the ECM group Annealsys will keep the current worldwide sales and service organization. The synergies with ECM group will make possible the development of new RTP tools with an extended worldwide organization for service in countries where Annealsys needs to be stronger to better serve its production customers.

This acquisition will allow Annealsys accelerating the business growth in providing more rapid thermal annealing furnaces for production applications with stronger and closer customer support. We will keep our positioning on high performance and innovative RTP furnaces with high temperature range, high vacuum capabilities, and high throughput production tools with SEMI-S2 certification and SESC/GEM interface.

With the new semiconductor division ECM Group will propose an extended product portfolio with equipment for RTP, CVD, ALD and thermal processes. Possible synergies with ECM group units will give Annealsys opportunities to develop new applications and deposition machines using the direct liquid injection technologies.

This is a new start for Annealsys, allowing us to develop our business and better serve our customers worldwide. In union with ECM Group we become stronger.

Web sites: www.ecm-furnaces.com and www.annealsys.com

About Annealsys:

Founded in 2004, Annealsys with more than 300 machines installed in 45 countries, is a leading manufacturer of Rapid Thermal Processing (RTP) and Direct Liquid Injection Deposition systems. We are supplying number of companies with production tools for the manufacturing of MEMS, sensors, optoelectronics, telecommunication, power and discrete devices.

Our philosophy involves building up a long-term relationship with our customers, providing high reliability and high quality tools, insuring low cost of ownership and offering outstanding customer support and service. To achieve this, we have created a worldwide network with trained engineers for sales and service.

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