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Sepro to Provide Robots for Woojin IMMs Through OEM Equipment Partnership in Germany

Sepro Group (La Roche-sur-Yon, France) has concluded an agreement with Nortec Maschinentechnik GmbH, representing Woojin Plaimm GmbH to manufacture 3- and 5-axis robots to be sold with Woojin Plaimm injection-molding equipment packages that are built and sold in Germany. Woojin Plaimm GmbH, based in Leobersdorf, Austria, is the European Headquarter of Woojin Plaimm Co. Ltd., Korea's largest producer of injection-molding machinery.

"We value the opportunity to partner with Nortec and Woojin to bring new robot choices to their German customers," says Jean-Michel Renaudeau, CEO of Sepro Group. The tie with Woojin Plaimm GmbH is the latest in a series of successful Sepro partnerships with leading global makers of injection molding equipment—more than ten to date.. All are built around Sepro's approach of "open integration," based on Sepro's ability to provide multiple levels of robot integration with the control systems used in most injection molding machines.

Sepro uses a single control platform, called Visual, to simplify programming and operation of its entire portfolio, from 3- and 5-axis Cartesian beam robots to the most advanced 6-axis articulated-arm units. Control of the Sepro robots built into Woojin equipment packages will be fully integrated into the IMM control interface so that all application data, including robot programs, will be stored in one database for faster start-up and operator convenience.

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About Sepro

Sepro was one of the first companies in the world to develop Cartesian beam robots for injection-molding machines, introducing its first CNC controlled "manipulator" in 1981. Today, having equipped more than 30,000 injection-molding machines, Sepro Group is one of the largest sellers of robots in the world. Its 3-, 5- and 6-axis servo robots, special-purpose units and complete autom<ation systems, are all supported by the Visual control platform developed by Sepro especially for injection molders. This unique controller is a key component in what the company refers to as 'open integration' – a collaborative approach to equipment connectivity and interoperability between the robot and the IMM that can be tailored to exactly suit the specific needs of processors and injection-molding OEMs. For Sepro and its customers and partners, "The Future is Wide Open."

About Nortec / Woojin

NORTEC has been selling injection molding machines from international premium manufacturers since 24 years. Experienced service technicians look after the customers with 24-hour spare parts supply.

Woojin has developed the 2-plate series DL A5 in Austria, with control and drive technology from Austria for the European market.

At the technical center in Soltau, NORTEC presents 8 Woojin machines with a clamping force from 50 - 1,000 tons, all equipped with Sepro robots of the Success and Strong series. We want to convince our customers of Woojin Premium quality by testing our own moulds with Woojin machines, says Peter Nellen, CEO of NORTEC.



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Left to right: Dirk Schroeder (Managing Director, Sepro Germany), Jean-Michel Renaudeau (CEO Sepro Group), Dietmar L. Morwitzer (CEO Woojin Plaimm GmbH), Peter Nellen (CEO Nortec Maschinentechnik GmbH). Download a high resolution image at: <u>http://tinyurl.com/SeproWoojin</u>