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Company Profile: Voith AG

It all began at a small locksmith workshop in Heidenheim at the river Brenz at the outskirts of the Swabian Jura. Five men were employed by Johann Matthaeus Voith, when he took over his father's locksmith workshop in 1825. On 1st January 1867, the official date of the foundation of Voith as a company, he handed over a flourishing enterprise with 30 employees to his son Friedrich Voith.

Innovative power, entrepreneurial spirit and vision have turned the small locksmith workshop into one of Europe's large family-owned enterprises with annual sales of EURO 3.5 billion (2004/2005).

Today, Voith employs over 30,000 people at over 200 locations and is setting standards worldwide in our markets paper, energy, mobility and service.

More than a third of the world's paper production is manufactured on Voith paper machines. One third of the energy generated worldwide from hydro power is produced with turbines and generators from Voith Siemens Hydro Power Generation. Voith Turbo drive components are found in applications all over the world, both in industrial plants and in road and rail vehicles, as well as on the waters. The largest companies in Europe trust in the technical services of Voith Industrial Services.

The Voith Group Divisions

Voith Paper

Voith Paper has always been among the technological leaders in the international market for paper making machinery. The first Voith paper machine was built as early as 1881. Today, the company's reference list features more than 2,500 completed paper machines, as well as numerous installations for raw material processing and paper finishing. Voith Fabrics is one of the world leaders for the production of felts, wires and forming presses for the paper industry. The head office of Voith Paper is in Heidenheim.

Sales 2004/2005: EURO 1,733 million

Employees: Approximately 10,000

Voith Turbo

Voith Turbo is the specialist for mechanical, hydrodynamic, electric and electronic drive and braking systems for applications on the road, on the rails, on the waters and in industry. Everywhere, where reliability, safety and economy count, Voith Turbo is one of the preferred partners of our customers all over the world. The head office of the company is in Heidenheim.

Sales 2004/2005: EURO 814 million

Employees: Approximately 4,000

Voith Siemens Hydro Power Generation

Voith Siemens Hydro Power Generation is a joint venture in which two pioneers of hydro power technology have amalgamated into one of the leading suppliers of complete solutions for hydro power stations. The company's head offices are located in Heidenheim.

Sales 2004/2005: EURO 597 million

Employees: Approximately 2,600

Voith Industrial Services

Voith Industrial Services – DIW Deutsche Industriewartung AG – is one of the leading suppliers of technical services in Germany and Austria. The core business of Voith Industrial Services concentrates on maintenance, renovation and technical cleaning. This is added by worldwide projects in the field of de- and reassembly including all necessary modifications, environmental, power station and vehicle services, rehabilitation technology and facility management. The head offices of Voith Industrial Services are in Stuttgart.

Sales 2004/2005: EURO 396 million

Employees: Approximately 14,000

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