



Press Release

Two red meat market leaders join forces

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MPS Meat Processing Systems and Butina A/S announce that MPS has acquired a majority shareholding in Butina A/S. Butina and its 100% subsidiary, Anitec, will continue to operate as an independent entity serving existing and new customers and partners. The service network, innovation power and financial strength of MPS will further strengthen Butina/Anitec's position as market leaders for CO2 stunning and blood collection. The share acquisition will further enhance MPS' capabilities regarding CO2 stunning and blood collection and its position as market leader in red meat slaughtering.

Remko Rosman, CEO of MPS commented: "We are extremely pleased with this share acquisition. Butina and Anitec are great companies and very strong brands. Although Butina/Anitec and MPS have been competitors and have separate histories, they have always shared a common objective: to ensure absolute customer satisfaction by delivering innovative, high-quality products and providing a world-class service. We remain fully dedicated to this objective. The combination of MPS and Butina/Anitec is privileged to serve currently more than 1900 customers in more than 95 countries. The depth of our resources and the breadth of our reach are now stronger than ever."

Ejvind Kildegaard, Founder and CEO of Butina stated: "With the financial strength, the service network and innovation power of MPS, Butina/Anitec will become an even stronger partner than it is today. This will benefit our customer through a broader and deeper technological base to develop new and improved solutions for the meat industry, an enhanced commitment to innovation ensuring next-generation technology solutions, greater support and resources worldwide, and a financially strong partner with a long-term strategy for growth."

About MPS Meat Processing Systems

MPS Meat Processing Systems is the global market leader in the development, production and installation of high-tech slaughtering systems. MPS also designs and installs systems for the portioning, deboning and logistic processing of meat products, as well as effluent treatment systems. More information: www.mps-group.nl

About Butina/Anitec

Butina A/S is the world leader in CO2 stunning and, through its subsidiary Anitec, in blood collection. More information: www.butina.dk, www.anitec.se.

About Steadfast Capital

Steadfast Capital is an independent private equity investor focusing on medium-size businesses within German speaking Europe and Benelux countries. Steadfast Capital invests in non-public companies providing financial solutions for succession issues and spin-offs from larger groups and also provides capital for growth opportunities. A creative financing solution is tailored for each individual situation, which always also comprises an element of management participation in the equity of the business. Steadfast Capital invested in MPS in July 2004.

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