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▪ Schaltbau group confirms positive trend again for third quarter 2007

Munich, 26 October 2007 – For the period to 30 September 2007, the companies of the Schaltbau group again achieved growth in firm orders, revenue and earnings compared to the same period of the previous year. In the third quarter, the amount of firm orders rose sharply by 38% from EUR 56.7 million to EUR 78.1 million, attaining the highest level of firm orders for a single quarter since the end of 2001. Sales revenue increased within the same period from EUR 52.9 million to EUR 58.2 million. With the rise in net group profit from EUR 1.8 million to EUR 1.9 million or 5%, earnings per share for the third quarter increased from EUR 0.88 to EUR 1.01. The Bubenzer Group, consolidated since 1 July 2007, also contributed towards these key financial figures for the first time.

The total value of firm orders for the first nine months of the year of EUR 209.2 million was 22% above the previous year's figure of EUR 171.7 million. The high level of orders for doors of railway vehicle and in signal technology in particular ensured a continuance of the very good order situation within the group. Sustained economic recovery on the domestic market and the continuing upswing in global trading volumes with its accompanying beneficial effect on the components and brakes business additionally supports this upward trend. As at 30 September 2007, the group had an order book of EUR 182.8 million, around 50% above the previous year's figure of EUR 121.7 million.

For the nine-month period to 30 September, the group achieved sales revenue of EUR 167.9 million after EUR 159.1 million in 2006. Both the increased sales revenue and changes in the product mix contributed towards improved profitability compared to last year. For the period to 30 September, earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) amounted to EUR 10.5 million compared to a figure of 8.7 million in 2006. Group profit increased from EUR 5.0 million to EUR 6.8 million and the profit attributable to shareholders from EUR 4.1 million to EUR 5.9 million. Earnings per share improved from EUR 2.17 to EUR 3.16.

A comprehensive package of measures was implemented to further gain efficiency and profitability at for the company Bode in Kassel. These involved longer working hours in some cases, the offsetting of above-pay-scale wage contingents against wage increases and the further development of bonus schemes. These measures, coupled with rationalisation measures that have already been successfully implemented make personnel adjustments necessary. The personnel cutback of 65 employees from a current figure of 560 is part of the severance plan jointly negotiated by the management, the works council and the unions. Despite the restructuring costs arising in the fourth quarter, the management still continues to forecast a group net profit of about EUR 7.6 million and earnings per share (eps) of EUR 3.50 to EUR 3.65 for 2007.

Group key financial figures showing business trends in the first three quarters of the financial years 2006 / 2007:

		HY 06	Q3/06	30.9.06	HY 07	Q3/07	30.9.07
Firm orders	€m.	115.0	56.7	171.7	131.1	78.1	209.2
Order book	€m.	117.8	121.7	121.7	151.0	182.8	182.8
Sales revenue	€m.	106.2	52.9	159.1	109.7	58.2	167.9
EBIT	€m.	5.8	2.9	8.7	7.3	3.2	10.5
Group profit	€m.	3.2	1.8	5.0	4.9	1.9	6.8
Group profit attributable to shareholders	€m.	2.4	1.7	4.1	4.0	1.9	5.9
Earnings per share (diluted)	€	1.29	0.88	2.17	2.15	1.01	3.16

The Schaltbau group, with annual sales revenue in excess of EUR 200 million and around 1,600 employees, is one of the leading suppliers of components and equipment for the traffic engineering industry. The group supplies complete railway crossings and door systems for buses and trains, industrial brake systems for container cranes as well as energy supplies and high- and low-voltage components for railway vehicles. Innovative and future-oriented products make Schaltbau a leading partner in the field of traffic engineering and industry.

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