



Press release

QSIL Group expands its portfolio and plans to acquire all H.C. Starck High Performance Metal Solutions locations outside North America

QSIL plans to acquire the following companies: H.C. Starck Hermsdorf GmbH, H.C. Starck Ltd. (Calne), H.C. Starck Specialty Materials (Taicang) Co., Ltd. and H.C. Starck (India) Pvt. Ltd

Ilmenau, Hermsdorf, Calne (GB), Taicang (CN) – 19. 09. 2022 – Despite turbulent times, QSIL SE from Ilmenau, a specialist in solutions made of high-performance materials, is once again focusing on growth. QSIL plans to acquire production locations in Germany, England and China for the production and development of refractory metal solutions. A corresponding agreement has been signed. QSIL is thus continuing the very successful growth course of recent years and expanding its globally unique portfolio with products, technologies and solution expertise into the field of extremely resistant refractory metals. The closing of the transaction is still subject to approval by the relevant authorities in the UK and is expected in the near future.

The 250 employees of the companies in Hermsdorf (DE), Calne (GB), Taicang (CN) and Bangalore (IN) become part of the QSIL Group, then representing over 1,000 employees and an annual turnover of over 200 million Euros. The existing technologies for the production, processing and refinement of products made of the high-performance metals molybdenum, niobium, tantalum and tungsten represent a complementary strategic addition for the Thuringian based QSIL Group. The increase in technology and material know-how results in clear advantages for the joint customer base: With the acquisition, the QSIL Group offers its customers the complete range of high-performance materials for critical solutions in the semiconductor, medical technology, chemical and mechanical engineering industries from a single source, thus strengthening the leading position of QSIL in these markets. Heinz Fabian, Michael Keitz and Erik Neuberg, the Managing Directors of QSIL SE, are

highly satisfied with the intended new acquisition. "The acquisition is a momentous achievement for QSIL and HCSS EMEA. Together we want to use the combined material, technology, and solution expertise to deliver innovative solutions for even more challenging customer applications. We foresee a promising future as a leading specialist for high-melting, high-purity, high-performance materials and we are very much looking forward to working with the extremely competent management team and the highly motivated workforce at the new QSIL locations."

The purchase price will not be disclosed.

Company Profile H. C. Starck High Performance Metal Solutions

The companies of the H. C. Starck High Performance Metal Solutions Group stand for over 100 years of experience as a leading premium supplier of the high-performance metals tungsten, molybdenum, tantalum and niobium. With modern manufacturing technologies, such as Electron Beam Melting, 3D printing, waterjet cutting and ultra-precise CNC machining centers, products are manufactured both individually and in series. The finished products are essential for medical technology, mechanical engineering and the aerospace industry, among other mission-critical applications.

Company Profile QSIL SE

The QSIL Group is an innovative, internationally active materials specialist for the development and production of sophisticated solutions from a broad portfolio of high-performance materials and proprietary manufacturing technologies. Among other things, QSIL specializes in the production of high-purity quartz glass, special glasses and technical ceramics. The most important markets are the semiconductor, analytical and diagnostic, traditional and technical light source industries as well as various applications in mechanical engineering, the chemical industry and glass fiber production. QSIL has a globally diversified customer base, including large blue chip clients from Europe, Asia and America. In 2021, QSIL generated sales of over 120 million euros with around 750 employees.

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The locations and their competencies

Hermisdorf – Competence center for the development of product solutions and the processing of refractory metals of the highest quality with minimum tolerances (electron beam melting furnace, wire erosion, CNC)

Segments: Medical technology, Industrial, Glass melting

Calne – Competence center to produce environmentally friendly and state-of-the-art thermal management products made of molybdenum, tungsten and copper (electroplating, lapping, welding)

Segments: Aerospace & Defence, Electronics (Thermal Management), Industrial

Taicang – Competence center to produce high-quality tungsten products (cold isostatic pressing, high-temperature sintering, waterjet cutting)

Segments: Aerospace, Medical, Industrial / Furnace

Bangalore – Technical distribution of refractory metal solutions for the Indian subcontinent