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Orell Füssli acquires SOFHA GmbH, Berlin

Leading software systems house for industrial digital printing solutions – strengthening of the Atlantic Zeiser Division – expansion of software competence – technologies for inkjet applications in packaging, industrial and security printing.

Zurich, January 6, 2010. Atlantic Zeiser GmbH, Emmingen (Germany), a member of the Orell Füssli Group, has acquired 74.9% of the shares of Berlin-based SOFHA GmbH with effect from January 1, 2010. The remaining shares will be retained by the current management and can be acquired in full at a later date. SOFHA is a leading software systems house in the field of industrial digital printing solutions featuring very high operating speeds. The company is a member of the exclusive circle of Adobe® Co-Development Partners with extensive source code access. SOFHA generates sales revenues of some CHF 3.7 million. Through the acquisition of SOFHA, Atlantic Zeiser aims to accelerate growth in high-resolution inkjet systems and to penetrate into new spheres of application. No information will be disclosed regarding the purchase price.

Sönke Bandixen, CEO of Orell Füssli Holding Ltd, comments: "This acquisition will create an internationally unique combination of industrial digital printing technologies under the Atlantic Zeiser umbrella, thus securing the technological leadership and growth of the Digital Inkjet business unit. This move enables us to offer our customers new opportunities for enhancing efficiency and quality."

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Orell Füssli is an international industrial and commercial group focusing on the core businesses of banknote & security printing, industrial systems used in the individualisation of security documents and branded products, and book retailing. The book publishing business has formed the traditional basis for the Zurich-based company since 1519. Orell Füssli generates sales of some CHF 370 million with 1 100 employees at locations in 10 countries and is listed on the Swiss Stock Exchange.