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Swissmetal supports training centre in Tramelan

Swissmetal actively supports the Zentrum für Technik und Ausbildung der Decolletage- und Verzahnungsindustrie (Centre for Technology and Training of the Décolletage Industry), a department of the Centre Interrégional de Perfectionnement (CIP-CTDT, interregional training centre) in Tramelan. The company provides various copper alloys such as brasses and bronzes for metalworking free of charge. Almost 90% of the alloys provided come from Swissmetal.

Mr. Juillerat, the principal of CIP, is very pleased with this continuing investment, which is very important to this institution: "We are very grateful to Swissmetal for its commitment. Metals for training purposes are very expensive but necessary for a training institution such as ours. The trainees must work with suitable materials for knowledge transfer to occur." The Centre Interrégional de Perfectionnement can ensure the training of the next generation of specialists in the metalworking industry thanks to the alloys from Swissmetal. For Swissmetal this commitment represents an investment in the future.

The Centre for Technology and Training of the Decolletage Industry was founded in 1994. It has an important role as the only training centre for cutting techniques in Switzerland. Since then the training centre has successfully trained several classes a year in metalworking. The aim of this training and development is the technically correct transfer of knowledge, which Swissmetal has always actively supported.

Swissmetal produces and sells worldwide high-quality special products made of copper and copper alloys which are mainly used in the electronics, telecommunications, air travel, petroleum, automobile, stationery and watch/clock industries and in the architectural sector. In financial year 2006, Swissmetal achieved turnover of CHF 357.6 million. As at mid-December 2007, the company had 756 full time-employees. Swissmetal, with its registered office in Dornach (Switzerland) is quoted on the SWX Swiss Exchange as UMS Schweizerische Metallwerke Holding AG.

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