

SWISSMETAL Media release

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Swissmetal retains 5% of its own shares

UMS Swiss Metalworks Holding AG has revealed that it has exceeded the threshold of 5% with 5.07% (336'096 units) of its own shares. The reason for this is the planned acquisition of the North American company RM Precision Swiss Inc., which is to be predominantly settled with shares. The current liquidity situation will enable Swissmetal to complete this transaction without an increase in capital.

Furthermore, shares acquired shall be reserved for the employee share plan, which Swissmetal has been implementing since last year. The aim of the employee share plan is to increase long-term commitment of employees to the company and to enable them to benefit directly from the commercial success of the company.

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-March 2008, the company had 729 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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