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## **The Lucerne Home of the Environment is set to utilize environmental energy in the future, thanks to a new type of roof tile.**

Swissmetal Design Solutions AG, a subsidiary of Swissmetal Holding Ltd, is involved in the development of a new type of roof tile from architectural bronze with which utilizable energy can be obtained from the environment. The company has now successfully entered the project phase. The Lucerne Home of Environment, which will act as a centre of competence over coming years for the environment and sustainability by presenting a range of environment-related information to the public, will be equipped with one such test application by Swissmetal Design Solutions. With this project will come verification that the retrofitting of existing constructions can also take into account the special requirements of historic buildings. Further pilot projects with roof tiles are currently in preparation for series production.

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 2007, Swissmetal achieved turnover of CHF 407.0 million. As at end of August 2008, the company had 693 full time-employees. Swissmetal, with its registered office in Dornach (Switzerland) is quoted on the SWX Swiss Exchange as Swissmetal Holding AG.

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