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Swissmetal's presence at turntec closes with promising prospects

The outcome of the turntec exhibition was positive for Swissmetal. Countless valuable discussions were held with the specialists in turning and milling technology from all over the world who were present. "Despite the current difficult economic situation that is also leaving its mark on this industry, we were able to maintain good existing contacts and form new ones," is how Christian Koch, Product Manager at Swissmetal, summarises the turntec exhibition. So on the Swissmetal stand it was possible to hold many conversations with leading European manufacturers of drilling and turning components on pioneering technologies and environmental guidelines. In particular there were discussions with manufacturers of aviation components about the intensified collaboration in the area of materials.

Swissmetal manufactures materials that can replace the beryllium alloys currently used as standard, which is particularly important to, among others, the aviation industry. The experienced Swissmetal staff on site informed expert visitors about the possible applications of such materials. Useful approaches for promising future technological developments were discussed in more detail with specialists.

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 November 2008, the company had 702 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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