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### **Regulation of company succession ensures the future of 125 years Gietz**

Esteemed business partners,

At the end of December 2018, Hansjörg Gietz (fifth generation of the family) took over the shares of Gietz Holding AG from his father Hanspeter Gietz and his sister Claudia Gietz Viehweger.

Hansjörg Gietz also took over the sole management of Gietz AG in Gossau, Switzerland, a 100% subsidiary of Gietz Holding AG, which specializes in the development, construction and worldwide distribution of hot foil stamping and post-press machinery. Claudia Gietz Viehweger resigned from the company board after selling her shares.

We are happy to announce that as a further step, Hansjörg Gietz will take over the remaining shares of Gietz Holding AG from his uncle Heinrich Gietz and his two cousins Patrick and Bernhard Gietz.

At the same time, Hansjörg Gietz is selling Gietz & Co. AG in Dietlikon, also a 100% subsidiary of Gietz Holding AG, to his cousin Patrick Gietz, who has been successfully managing the company for many years. The trading company Gietz & Co AG in Dietlikon supplies the Swiss market with machines from leading foreign manufacturers for the areas of offset and digital printing and post-press.

Thus, Gietz AG in Gossau now is now owned 100% by Hansjörg Gietz and Gietz & Co. AG in Dietlikon is owned 100% by Patrick Gietz.

The two companies will continue to have close and friendly family relations. This is reflected in the fact that both will keep the "Gietz" name and be represented in the market with the same logo.

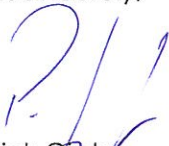
Hansjörg Gietz: "This regulation of company succession generates those entrepreneurial freedoms that will enable a successful continuation of the more than 125-year history of Gietz & Co. AG in Dietlikon and Gietz AG in Gossau. I am aware of the great overall responsibility which I am taking on towards partners, customers and employees. My goal is to continue to manage the Gietz AG as an independent company and to further develop it with the focus on the location in Gossau SG. With the vision of offering more customized solutions, we are aiming to create added value for our customers. The digitization of internal processes as well as the offering of new digital solutions for our customers are further key factors for the future success of Gietz AG in Gossau."

Patrick Gietz; "I am pleased that an excellent succession solution has been found for the companies Gietz AG in Gossau and Gietz & Co. AG in Dietlikon. I am proud to play an active part in this solution, in which I take over the company Gietz & Co. AG. I am convinced that Gietz & Co. AG in Dietlikon is well prepared for the future in order to grow and develop in the fiercely competitive Swiss market. With our digital solutions from Komori, Scodix and Highcon, the company has a very interesting portfolio for the Swiss printing market. With Horizon in finishing, we have been the market leader in Switzerland for many years and I am therefore looking forward to the future with my team. "


Hansjörg Gietz and Patrick Gietz would like to thank the co-shareholders Hanspeter Gietz and Heinrich Gietz (4th generation of the family) as well as the co-shareholders Claudia Gietz Viehweger and Bernhard Gietz (5th generation of the family) for their many years of good cooperation.

We are looking forward to further cooperation with you as a partner.

Yours sincerely,



Patrick Gietz  
Gietz & Co. AG, Dietlikon



Hansjörg Gietz  
Gietz AG, Gossau