

Media Release

Leadec takes over engineering division of IPO.Plan

Stuttgart, October 18, 2019 – Leadec is growing in the field of automation and engineering: With the acquisition of the engineering business unit of IPO.Plan, a software specialist for factory and logistics planning, the leading provider of technical services for manufacturing is strengthening its portfolio and expanding its technical competence in the planning of future-oriented factory layouts.

IPO.Plan's engineering division employs around 25 people at its location in Leonberg. The company specializes in the planning of factories and production facilities and also offers engineering and consulting services. IPO.Plan serves well-known and international industrial customers mainly from the automotive and mechanical engineering sectors. The software unit remains with IPO.Plan.

With this acquisition Leadec is consistently pursuing its growth strategy in the sector of Automation & Engineering, the important spearhead for its on-site business where it already plays a significant role. Leadec offers on-site maintenance, technical cleaning, facility management and internal logistics for production facilities at more than 250 customer locations worldwide. Leadec has strengthened its front-end services in automation and engineering and creates synergies from which industrial customers benefit along the entire value chain.

"The market for factory and production planning offers great potential," says Markus Glaser-Gallion, CEO of Leadec. "The increasing electrification of passenger cars means an increasing demand for new production layouts. Here, IPO.Plan is an established partner of the OEMs and relies on its own powerful simulation software, among other things, for its projects. We see good opportunities to position these services on the international market as well."

Matthias Kellermann, CEO of IPO.Plan, welcomes the step: "The Automation & Engineering Division at Leadec is growing strongly. Here we have the opportunity to contribute our expertise and drive this growth forward together."

With the takeover, Leadec gains market share for its Automation & Engineering Division, especially in the automotive industry. But the company will also acquire business with customers from other industries, including mechanical engineering and plant construction.



Leadec takes over engineering division of IPO.Plan, left to right: Andreas Laible (Financial Director Leadec Automation and Engineering), Dr. Achim Agostini (CEO Leadec Automation & Engineering), Matthias Kellermann (CEO IPO.Plan), Cornelius Gläser (CFO IPO.Plan).

About Leadec

Leadec is the leading provider of technical services for the automotive and manufacturing industries. The company, which is headquartered in Stuttgart, employs almost 20,000 people worldwide. In 2018, Leadec earned sales of around EUR 900 million. For more than 50 years, Leadec has been supporting major car manufacturers, automotive suppliers, and other manufacturing companies along the entire production supply chain. The service provider is based at more than 250 locations, often directly at the customers' plants and facilities.

Leadec's global services comprise: Engineer (consulting and engineering), Install (electrical installation, automation, disassembly and reassembly), Maintain (production equipment maintenance and technical cleaning), Support (facility management and internal logistics) as well as other local

services. The services are provided either in projects or permanently on site at the customer's premises.

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