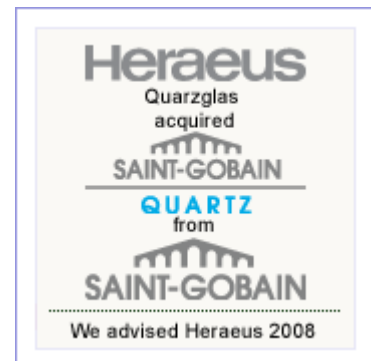


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Hübner Schlösser & Cie advised Heraeus Quarzglas GmbH & Co. KG in acquisition of Saint-Gobain Quartz Ltd.

As of 31st October 2008, Heraeus Quarzglas, Hanau, Germany, acquired Saint-Gobain Quartz Ltd., the producer of quartz block and optical synthetic quartz materials based in Wallsend, United Kingdom. The acquisition included the Saint-Gobain Quartz locations in Korea, Japan and United Kingdom as well as sales activities in North America.



The transaction allows Heraeus Quarzglas to expand its technology leadership in manufacturing high purity quartz materials and advanced quartz components. Quartz block material is an important base material for the manufacturing of flanges and rings that are used in the semiconductor production. Also, the acquisition supports Heraeus Quarzglas' growth strategy in key Asian markets through new access to strategic customers.

Heraeus Quarzglas, a technology leader in manufacturing of high purity quartz materials and advanced quartz components, is part of Heraeus Group which is globally operating in business areas of precious metals, sensors, dental and medical products, quartz glass and specialty lighting sources. With product revenues of € 3 billion, precious metals trading revenues of € 9 billion, and more than 11,000 employees worldwide in over 100 subsidiaries, Heraeus Group is one of the largest family-held companies in Germany.

Saint-Gobain operates in 54 countries worldwide, is one of the world's hundred leading industrial corporations, and fields a workforce of over 207,000. It produces and develops materials such as glass, ceramics, plastics, cast iron, and others, and transforms them into advanced products for use in our daily lives.

Wolfgang Stang, managing director of Heraeus Quarzglas: "Hübner Schlösser & Cie was extremely useful and effective in tackling the key issues early on in the fact finding and negotiation process and contributed substantially to the success of the transaction which indeed was highly complex in light of the combined asset and share deal transaction involving complicated carve-out issues in four locations around the world."



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