



Media release

SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH in exclusive discussions with JACQUET METAL SERVICE on a sale of specific distribution activities

Emmenbrücke, 16 March 2015 – SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH AG, a global leader in special long steel (such as tool steel, stainless steel, and engineering steel) listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX: STLN), entered into exclusive discussions with JACQUET METAL SERVICE, a leading European special steel distributor listed on the Euronext Paris Exchange (EPA:JCQ), on a selling process for specific distribution units in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Austria. In 2014, these activities achieved revenues of around EUR 600 million and employed around 1 000 employees. The exclusivity agreement runs until 30 June 2015.

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