

Press release - for immediate publication

Stahl completes acquisition of WEILBURGER Graphics

Gerhardshofen, 30 September 2024 – Stahl, the world leader in specialty coatings and treatments for flexible materials, has completed the acquisition of WEILBURGER Graphics GmbH, a leading German-based manufacturer of water-based and energy cured coatings for the graphic arts and packaging industry. The transaction significantly strengthens Stahl’s new packaging coatings division and supports its strategy to broaden its franchise for coatings for flexible materials.

The acquisition of WEILBURGER Graphics, a division of Grebe Holding GmbH, enables Stahl to accelerate the global expansion of its growing packaging coatings offering and strengthens Stahl’s strategic position in Europe, positioning the company as the second-largest player in the region. WEILBURGER Graphics had 2023 sales of 70 million euros and over 140 employees – primarily based in Germany.

WEILBURGER Graphics will enhance the position of the Stahl Packaging Coatings division with its innovative portfolio in growth markets like food and beverages, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals, unique expertise, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities and a distinct focus on sustainability.

Maarten Heijbroek, CEO of Stahl: *“I am very excited to now officially welcome our new colleagues to the Stahl Group. We have been highly impressed by WEILBURGER Graphics’ quality, advanced technology, and the deep customer knowledge of their people. Their cultural values align well with Stahl’s, and we aim to prioritise people and ensure a smooth integration process, fostering a strong cultural fit. We are committed to ensuring a seamless customer engagement process during and after the integration and can’t wait to be working together as of today!”*

Günter Korbacher, managing director of WEILBURGER Graphics GmbH, comments on the acquisition: *“The future affiliation to Stahl is a perfect strategic fit for WEILBURGER Graphics. With our long and very successful growth story of more than 140 years and a high level of brand awareness as a global, innovative and trustworthy supplier of coatings for the graphics industry, this decision offers excellent synergy effects and growth opportunities for our site in Gerhardshofen. We are excited and confident that we have made the right and sustainable decision for our continued success. Becoming part of a large company will accelerate our growth targets and offer our customers even greater added value.”*

Further information: www.weilburger.com, www.stahl.com

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People:**Caption:**

Maarten Heijbroek, CEO of Stahl

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Günter Korbacher - Managing Director of WEILBURGER Graphics GmbH



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WEILBURGER Graphics is one of the most important developers and manufacturers of high-quality, innovative and sustainable dispersion and UV varnishes, flexo inks and adhesives for the graphic arts industry. Everywhere, worldwide and in all disciplines of the printing and packaging industry, WEILBURGER Graphics products create added value and convincing advantages. They preserve and protect, enhance functions and embellish, connect and refine. They give your products a distinctive look and feel. They impress on paper and cardboard, plastic and foil, metal and alternative substrates. ► WEILBURGER Graphics products create surfaces and functions that inspire people all over the world.

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Stahl is the world's leading supplier of specialized coatings and treatments for flexible substrates. Stahl's innovative solutions are found in everyday materials used in countless industries and markets, including the automotive industry, the clothing industry, the luxury goods industry, the shoe industry, the packaging industry and the home textiles industry, touching people's lives everywhere.

From the outset, Stahl's goal has been to provide security for its customers and end users and to contribute to a safer society. Partnership and collaboration have become increasingly important drivers to meet ever-evolving product, societal and environmental challenges.

To contribute to a better world, Stahl has established a robust ESG roadmap that underscores the company's sustainability goals through 2030. This includes Stahl's firm commitment to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, which has been validated by the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi).

Worldwide, nearly 2,000 colleagues in steel are driven by one shared purpose: Touching lives, for a better world. Headquartered in Waalwijk, the Netherlands, Stahl operates a global network of 16 manufacturing facilities and 37 strategically located application laboratories, supported by sales offices in 22 countries.

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