

PREMIUM EQUITY PARTNERS

PREMIUM Equity Partners sells its share in ACTech Group

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In October 2017 we have successfully sold our shares in ACTech Holding GmbH (Freiberg/Germany). Buyer is Materialise NV, Leuven/Belgium (www.materialise.com; NASDAQ:MTLS), a listed leading supplier of solutions and software for additive manufacturing. We are convinced that Materialise as well as ACTech will profit from this strategic acquisition and will further improve their market position through the combination of competencies in polymer-based and metal-based printing technology.

In June 2012 PREMIUM Equity Partners had acquired the majority in ACTech together with co-investor CornerstoneCapital. ACTech is a world market leader in rapid prototyping technology serving the automotive, aviation and industrial goods industries. The company is a pioneer in employing 3D-technology and a champion in the time-critical manufacturing of rapid prototype castings with full series production quality.

ACTech's growth and technological leadership have been supported by new technologies in the area of 3D metal printing, thus also enhancing productivity and process speed to the benefit of clients. EBITDA-margins increased substantially with total sales of EUR 34.3 million in 2016. On October 4, 2017 PREMIUM sold its shares jointly with its co-investor to Materialise and realized a well above-average performance for its investors.