

PRESS RELEASE

Stabiliser specialist continues on growth course

Hydrosol adds more production capacity in Germany

Hamburg, July 2016 – Growth continues at Hamburg's Stern-Wywiol Gruppe. With an increase of 12 percent, the family-owned company made a record 444 million euro in revenues last year. Its Hydrosol subsidiary was a big part of it. Hydrosol, which specializes in custom stabilising and texturing systems, can look back on a very successful year. With a view to the future, the company is now expanding its production capacity. Managing Director Dr. Matthias Moser: "Our production plant is one of the most modern of its kind in Europe, and our capacity as it stands is 30,000 tonnes of ingredients a year. Our customers in over 50 countries expect the best, and in order to provide it to them with the highest level of innovation, flexibility and service, we are now investing in a second facility located in close proximity to the existing one. The groundbreaking will take place soon, and production will start during the coming year."

As an independent, family-owned business Hydrosol has for many years followed a long-term growth strategy, with sustained investments at home and abroad. In addition to its production facilities, the Technology Centre is an example of this. This research and development centre has extensive test facilities and pilot plant for dairy products, deli foods, meat and fish products and other food categories, and is being continually expanded. "These foresighted investments, coupled with the flexibility and reliability of an owner-operated company and the creative expertise of our staff, are central to our success," comments Dr. Moser.

About Hydrosol:

Hydrosol GmbH & Co. KG headquartered in Ahrensburg near Hamburg, Germany, is a fast-growing international supplier of food stabilisers, with subsidiaries around the world. Its specialists develop and produce tailor-made stabiliser systems for dairy products, ice cream and desserts, delicatessen and ready meals, as well as meat, sausage and fish products. With its international network of 115 subsidiaries and numerous qualified foreign representatives, the company is represented in the world's key markets. As a member of the independent, owner-operated Stern-Wywiol Gruppe with a total of eleven sister companies, Hydrosol can make use of many synergies. The company has access to the knowledge of some 70 R&D specialists and to the extensive applications technology of the Group's large Technology Centre in Ahrensburg, Germany. It also benefits from shared production facilities and the Group's own logistics resources, so it can offer customers a high degree of flexibility and innovation capabilities. The Stern-Wywiol Gruppe is one of the world's most successful international suppliers of food & feed ingredients.

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