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Morgan Stanley and Annex Capital now hold all shares in Sympatex Technologies GmbH and Ploucquet Textiles Zittau GmbH.

Unterföhring, October 9, 2008: As of September 22, Morgan Stanley and Annex Capital have taken over another 25% of Sympatex Technologies GmbH, headquartered in Unterföhring near Munich, and the remaining 6% of shares in Ploucquet Textiles Zittau GmbH. The corresponding negotiations with the existing minority shareholders within the Ploucquet Group were successfully concluded. As a consequence, Morgan Stanley and Annex Capital now hold 100% of the shares in Sympatex and Ploucquet Textiles. Morgan Stanley and Annex Capital acquired the Ploucquet Group, which also owns Sympatex, in 2006. Consequently, the investors have further strengthened the Ploucquet Group and initiated the development of a successful expansion of the SYMPATEX brand which was repositioned in the summer of 2008.

The Ploucquet Group is a business with more than 200 years of experience in the field of textiles; expert in membranes, coating and lamination, and textile producer in the fields of inner linings and outer fabrics, as well as producer of trouser waistbands for men's wear in Europe.

For further information please visit:
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