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## **Aumann AG acquires automation specialist USK and announces preliminary results**

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Aumann AG („Aumann“, ISIN: DE000A2DAM03) acquires 100% of the shares in USK Karl Utz Sondermaschinen GmbH (“USK”) from the family owners with effect as of today.

USK is a sustainably profitable specialist for automation solutions, employing more than 300 people at the company’s headquarters in Limbach-Oberfrohna. In 2016, the company generated revenues of almost €70 million. USK has decades of experience as an equipment supplier for leading OEMs and Tier-1s. An especially promising focus of the company are production lines for fuel cells, which fits perfectly into Aumann’s E-mobility strategy. Management sees the complementary customer base, excellent technological expertise and especially development, engineering and assembly capacities as the best possible strategic fit to support the sustainable growth plans of the Aumann Group. Signing and closing of the transaction took place simultaneously today. The parties have agreed to keep the purchase price confidential.

According to preliminary figures, Aumann’s revenues in the first nine months grow by 24.1% to €140.3 million and EBIT grows by 26.4% to €15.1 million compared to the same period in the previous year. Order intake amounts to €135.3 million. In the E-mobility segment, revenues reach €40.3 million in the first nine months, EBIT reaches €4.8 million and order intake €51.1 million. The third quarter, however, is significantly below expectations. According to management’s assessment, this is mainly due to the strong organic growth.

Based on the acquisition of USK, the expected consolidated revenues for the full year 2017 grow to more than €210 million. In light of the third quarter, EBIT for the full year is currently expected to be above €20 million and therefore lower than previously forecast. Annualised revenues of the Aumann Group including USK now reach more than €260 million according to management’s assessment. Order requests, especially for large potential orders in the E-mobility segment, have recently gained further traction.

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