

**KRAUSSMAFFEI PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE K2007 ON OCTOBER 25, 2007**

## **KraussMaffei: Innovation drives growth**

**Düsseldorf, October 25, 2007 – At the K2007, KraussMaffei is showing innovative machine concepts and modules for injection moulding, extrusion and reaction processing, together with process solutions that transcend the boundaries between these three core competences. “With over 20 new machines and modules at the K2007, KraussMaffei is reinforcing its position as technology leader and global partner for solutions today and into the future,” asserts Dr. Dietmar Straub, company CEO, at a press conference in Düsseldorf. KraussMaffei is also launching the PRIMUS Network for Innovation, a new development strategy for sustainable production solutions.**

In October, as part of this strategy, KraussMaffei opened the Centre for Functionally Integrated Lightweight Structures in Munich. At the centre, in cooperation with the universities of Chemnitz and Dresden and the Rosenheim University of Applied Sciences, KraussMaffei will focus on developing new solutions for processing fibre-reinforced materials.

### **A record-breaking machine and a world first**

KraussMaffei is the only manufacturer worldwide supplying machinery and systems for the three major process technologies used in the plastics and rubber industries. In Düsseldorf, the company is presenting an overview of its solutions on an 1800 square meter booth – from individual modules to turnkey manufacturing units. One eye-catching exhibit is the biggest injection moulding machine ever shown at a K event. 21 meters long and weighing 300 tonnes, the machine is running a SkinForm process combining PUR processing with thermoplastic injection moulding. The machine is producing a large, ready-to-assemble automotive component in a one-shot multicomponent process. In another first, KraussMaffei is showcasing a manufacturing cell that integrates injection moulding, extrusion and reaction processing; it sharply reduces cycle times in the production of high-spec, multicomponent products.

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Alongside these machines is the latest addition to KraussMaffei's range of very fast electric injection moulding machines, highly successful in cleanroom applications. KraussMaffei's new ClassiX series offers flexible, highly reliable injection moulding machines with an extremely attractive price/performance ratio.

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KraussMaffei is also showing an impressive number of innovative solutions in reaction processing, another core competence. There's a new scoring process and a tandem piston metering unit for applications requiring lower throughput. One highlight from KraussMaffei Automation is the new LRX linear robot that sets new standards for price and performance. Under the merged KraussMaffei Berstorff brand, the company is focusing on a wide range of new modules, machines and systems for the extrusion of foams, sheet, pipe and profiles, together with compounding systems. KraussMaffei Berstorff also deploys its huge process expertise in developing application-specific turnkey solutions for plastics and rubber processing. Examples featured at the K2007 are a new process for continuous production of rubber compounds and one of the company's super-large pipeheads developed for highest output in the extrusion of large-diameter polyolefin pipe.

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### Strengthening technology leadership

With the PRIMUS Network for Innovation, the KraussMaffei Group is concentrating the medium- and long-term research activities of the whole enterprise on the development of sustainable production solutions. R&D teams will work intensively on increasing the take-up of renewable raw materials, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through the use of energy-saving products in the construction industry and lightweight components in the automotive sector, and on new processes that achieve economies by integrating previously separate process steps. This strategy will boost KraussMaffei's technology leadership and competitive edge across its core competences in injection moulding, extrusion and reaction processing.

“PRIMUS is an interdisciplinary network; it links up top specialists in different fields and creates a structure that promotes productive cooperations,” commented Dr. Otto Urbanek, KraussMaffei CTO. He went on to talk about the Centre for Functionally Integrated Lightweight Structures (CLS), opened in October in Munich. At the centre KraussMaffei specialists will be working with experts from the universities of Chemnitz and Dresden and the Rosenheim University of Applied Sciences to develop new applications and solutions for fibre-reinforced materials. Lightweight components give the automotive industry an important instrument for reducing vehicle weight and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. KraussMaffei is planning to set up more special-focus research centres in cooperation with universities, research institutions and industrial partners.

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### Consolidated sales top one billion euros for the first time

In fiscal 2006/2007, the KraussMaffei Group, which includes the Swiss subsidiary Netstal, saw orders pass the one billion euro mark for the first time. Since the strategic reorientation in spring 2007, the new KraussMaffei has bundled its core competences as an integrated enterprise.

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## KraussMaffei company profile

KraussMaffei is the only supplier worldwide of the three key machine technologies for the plastics and rubber compounding and processing industries.

The KraussMaffei brand stands for comprehensive solutions for injection and reaction moulding, while the KraussMaffei Berstorff brand covers the whole spectrum of extrusion systems, including complete extrusion lines. KraussMaffei has a unique wealth of know-how across the whole range of processing methods. As a technology partner, it links this know-how with innovative engineering to deliver application-specific and integrated solutions. KraussMaffei operates a network of 70 subsidiaries and sales agencies close to customers worldwide.

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