

Heraeus Media Information
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Heraeus successfully completes takeover of Argor-Heraeus

Heraeus Precious Metals (HPM) Global Business Unit has finalized the acquisition of the Swiss precious metals processor Argor-Heraeus (Argor). Effective July 13, Argor-Heraeus will be entirely owned by Heraeus. Heraeus has added the stakes of former co-owners Commerzbank and Münze Österreich, as well as the shares of Argor's management, to its existing 33% share.

"With the successful acquisition of Argor-Heraeus, Heraeus Precious Metals is the world's largest precious metals service provider," said Heraeus CEO Jan Rinnert. "We are pleased to offer our customers worldwide the complementary precious metal services of both companies and to continue and expand the long-standing trusting relationship with Argor-Heraeus in the new constellation."

About Heraeus:

Heraeus, the technology group headquartered in Hanau, Germany, was founded in 1851 and today is a globally leading, family-owned company. With technical expertise, a focus on innovation, operational excellence and entrepreneurial leadership, we constantly strive to improve our business performance. We create high-quality solutions for our clients and strengthen their competitiveness in the long term by combining material expertise with technological know-how. Our ideas are focused on themes such as the environment, energy, health, mobility, and industrial applications. Our portfolio includes everything from components to coordinated material systems, and our products are used in a wide variety of industries, including the steel, electronics, chemical, automotive, and telecommunications industries. In the 2016 fiscal year, Heraeus earned revenues—excluding precious metals—of €2.0 billion and total revenues of €21.5 billion. With around 12,400 employees worldwide in more than 100 subsidiaries in 40 countries, Heraeus holds a leading position in its global markets. In 2016, Heraeus was named one of the Top 10 Family Businesses in Germany by the Foundation for Family Businesses.

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