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### **With sale of SIG Cantec to Soudronic AG, SIG completes focus on core business activities**

In the course of last year, the majority of the non-core activities of the SIG Beverages division were divested. Now, with today's agreement on the sale of SIG Cantec to Soudronic AG, the group completes its initiative of focusing on packaging solutions in the sectors of carton and plastic bottles. SIG Cantec, with its production location in Essen, Germany, is a systems supplier of can-making equipment. In 2005, the company and its 140 employees generated net sales in the region of EUR 25 million. Switzerland's Soudronic AG, with its 450 employees, is aiming to achieve net sales of around CHF 180 million in the current business year. The product portfolios of the two companies complement each other ideally. The contractual partners have agreed not to divulge details of the sales price. Deconsolidation of SIG Cantec is expected to be completed by the end of September.

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SIG is a global provider of packaging solutions. Its product range includes the manufacture of cartons for beverages and food products, as well as machinery for the aseptic and non-aseptic filling of packages (SIG Combibloc division). In the PET sector, equipment for the production, coating and filling of plastic bottles complement the product spectrum (SIG Beverages division). In 2005, the approximately 4,800 employees generated annual net sales (continuing business) of EUR 1 207 million. The company has its registered office in Neuhausen am Rheinfall (Switzerland) and the SIG share is listed on the Swiss Exchange SWX (SIGN, security no. 001202249).



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