

## Press Release

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### **Electrosuisse: The business unit for "Testing and certification" is now part of the Eurofins Group**

**The business unit for "Equipment testing and certification" is being taken over by the international Eurofins Group. Electrosuisse and Eurofins have contractually agreed on the takeover today.**

**This step reflects Electrosuisse's response to the changing framework conditions and ensures that Swiss equipment manufacturers will continue to gain access to the international market in the future. The test labs at the various locations throughout Switzerland will continue to operate as before, securing approximately 70 jobs.**

Electrosuisse is divesting the business unit for "Equipment testing and certification" to the international group Eurofins Scientific. This strategic step comes as the result of the changing economic and political conditions as well as the increasing complexity and globalization in this market environment.

The Eurofins Group offers the necessary international networking, access to expertise and a broad customer base.

Markus Burger, Managing Director at Electrosuisse: "The testing business is subject to an increasingly complex market environment. The Eurofins Group is a strong partner for us; they enable us to provide Swiss equipment manufacturers with a future-oriented solution for access to the international market."

With the acquisition of the business unit for "Equipment testing and certification", Eurofins is expanding its activities in the testing business. Electrosuisse will hold a minority stake in the medium term in the Swiss subsidiary of Eurofins, "Eurofins Electrosuisse Product Testing AG".

#### **Jobs are safeguarded**

Around 70 of the total 300 jobs at Electrosuisse are affected by the takeover. Eurofins will be taking over the existing test labs at the various locations throughout Switzerland, safeguarding the jobs.

#### **Focusing on the Swiss market and expanding in the remaining business segments**

In the future, Electrosuisse will be focusing its activities in the Swiss market. It will build on the remaining competencies in the business segments of inspection, consulting, standardisation and further training as well as gauging. It will also strengthen the association's activities as the leading specialist association for electrical, energy and information technology. The company's priority will continue to be the promotion of safe, economical and environmentally sound production and use of electricity.

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### **About Electrosuisse**

Electrosuisse is the official specialist organization in the field of electrical engineering, power generation and information technology. It offers services for the entire electrical engineering industry such as advice, testing and further training. It is committed to promoting the safe, reliable, economical and ecological generation and utilization of electricity. To achieve this aim, Electrosuisse represents Swiss industry in the field of electrical engineering in international standardization bodies and manages the Federal Inspectorate for Heavy Current Installations (ESTI) on behalf of the Swiss Federation.

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