

# Customer / Press Release on the Müller / Kern Integration

# Two inserting machine manufacturers join forces: unbeatable product portfolio and combined strengths

Konolfingen/Kranzberg, January 7, 2025: Kern AG, one of the market leaders in the field of high-performance inserting systems based in Konolfingen/Switzerland, announces the integration of Müller Apparatebau GmbH in Kranzberg near Munich into the Kern Group.

The merger aims to launch an unbeatable product portfolio and consolidate the respective strengths.

#### **Unbeatable Product Portfolio**

By combining the advanced technologies and extensive expertise of both companies, a product portfolio is created that is unmatched in the industry. Kern AG contributes its expertise in high-performance mailing systems for high to very high production volumes, while Müller Apparatebau GmbH adds its leading solutions in the medium to high production volume range. Together, they offer a wide range of systems and solutions that meet the highest standards and enhance efficiency and productivity across various customer segments.

### **Combined Strengths**

The partnership between Kern and Müller is based on a shared vision and common values as well as the goal of developing the best solutions for customers and interested parties. Both companies are distinguished by innovation, extensive experience and customer orientation.

The collaboration will allow for optimal utilization of resources and synergies with Müller expanding the existing production of standard parts and providing production facilities that are currently missing at the site in Konolfingen, Switzerland.

Robert Fortmeier, owner of Müller Apparatebau GmbH, will financially contribute to Kern AG. He will also have a seat on the Board of Directors, where his extensive market knowledge in mechanical engineering will strengthen the five-member team.

# **Statements from the Managing Directors**

"We are very pleased with the merger with Müller. Together we can consolidate our strengths and offer our customers even better solutions. This is an important milestone for us and the entire industry," says Stefan Wüthrich, CEO of Kern Group.

"The merger with Kern opens up new opportunities for us and strengthens our position in the market. We are confident that together we will develop innovative products that meet the needs of our customers and set new standards," adds Robert Fortmeier, owner of Müller Apparatebau GmbH.



#### **About Kern AG:**

Modular solutions for efficient inserting

Kern AG is a Swiss manufacturer and global supplier of products, solutions and services in the field of inserting systems and packaging solutions. Software and platforms tailored to the product and customer complete the Kern system landscape. Kern has stood for high innovation, quality, flexibility and reliability for over seven decades. Factors that mean one thing above all: maximum security and service.

# About Müller Apparatebau GmbH:

Tradition with modern spirit

Established in 1965 by founding owner Manfred Müller, Müller today is a state-of-the-art company, which preserves the rich traditions of a family enterprise: In-house construction and production for optimized workflows and therefore reduces on cost. Efficient and flexible structures enable the company to react to trends immediately.

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