

MEDIA RELEASE**Franke appoints new Head of Corporate Communications****Aarburg, Switzerland, July 5, 2002 – Change in Franke Corporate Communications**

Natascha Widmer has recently been appointed Head of Corporate Communications for the Franke Group. In this function she will also be the contact point for all media requirements on Group level. Prior to joining the Franke Group, N. Widmer managed the international public relations activities of a telecommunications company. She holds an Economics degree from the University of Applied Sciences Zurich and is about to complete her Master of Science in Communications Management from University of Lugano.

Franke is a global provider of products, services and custom solutions for a wide range of applications in the household food preparation and catering sectors. The Franke Group, headquartered in Aarburg, Switzerland, is firmly established with 67 subsidiaries in 33 countries and has approximately 5,300 employees. Franke Group consolidated sales reached CHF 1,546.7 million in 2001, with an EBITDA of CHF 186.3 million and Cash flow of CHF 160.3 million.

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