

MEDIENMITTEILUNG**Franke Supports Team Alinghi**

Aarburg, Switzerland, 21 September 2005 – Franke supports Team Alinghi as “Official Supplier” in defending the America’s Cup.

Franke has entered into an “Official Supplier” agreement with the Swiss Sailing Team Alinghi. In 2003 Alinghi won the America’s Cup – the most prestigious yachting trophy in the world – and brought it to Europe for the first time ever – a sensational achievement for landlocked Switzerland. Franke supports Team Alinghi with a professional kitchen and all washroom and sanitary equipment for their newly constructed base in Valencia, Spain.

*The **Franke Group** is a global provider of products, services and custom solutions for a wide range of applications in the household food preparation and catering sectors. Franke, whose holding company is domiciled in Aarburg, Switzerland, has some 7,500 employees around the world, and is firmly established with 85 subsidiaries in 39 countries. The two divisions **Franke Kitchen Systems** (sinks, taps, cooking hobs, ovens, hoods and washroom and sanitary systems) and **Franke Foodservice Systems** (products and services for quick service restaurants) are the global market leaders in their business sectors, exporting to over 100 countries. The activities of Franke also include **Franke Coffee Systems** with a broad product programme of fully-automatic, professional and semi-professional coffee machines as well as the technology field and beverage containers. In the financial year 2004, Franke generated consolidated sales of CHF 1,628.0 million.*

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