

MEDIA RELEASE

Franke expands Group Management

Aarburg, Switzerland, 18 December 2006 – As of January 1, 2007, Franke Group Management will be expanded by three Members.

To strengthen the strategically important activities of Franke Coffee Systems and Franke Washroom Systems in their further development, the managers responsible for these business areas were appointed Members of the Expanded Group Management. Also newly appointed Member was the Head of Corporate Human Resources, Gerda Schwindt. All three managers are longtime Executives of the Franke Group.

Group Management of the Franke Group consists of CEO, CFO, CIO, Head of Corporate Services, President Franke Kitchen Systems and President Franke Foodservice Systems. Expanded Group Management includes CEO Franke Coffee Systems, Head of Franke Washroom Systems, and Head of Corporate Human Resources.

***Franke** is a global supplier of products, services and customized solutions in the household and catering food preparation sectors, broadly defined. The **Franke Group**, headquartered in Aarburg, Switzerland, is firmly established with 85 subsidiaries in 41 countries, and has approximately 8,500 employees worldwide. The two divisions **Franke Kitchen Systems** (sinks, tabs, extractor hoods, hobs, ovens) and **Franke Foodservice Systems** (kitchen equipment and services for quick service restaurants) are the global market leaders in their respective segments, with exports to*

over 100 countries. Further activities of the Franke Group include **Franke Coffee Systems** with a wide range of super automatic, professional and semi-professional coffee machines, **Franke Washroom Systems** (washroom and sanitary systems for public and semi-public use), **Franke Beverage Containers** as well as industrial engineering. Franke generated consolidated sales of CHF 1,959.0 million in 2005.

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