

MEDIENMITTEILUNG**Franke acquires kitchen equipment parts distributor in the United States**

Aarburg, Switzerland, 15 May 2007. Franke has acquired R&R Parts and Service, located in Goodlettsville, TN, USA. The company distributes kitchen equipment parts and minor resupply smallwares to quick service restaurants. The organization will be integrated into Franke Resupply Systems Inc.

The acquired company distributes kitchen equipments parts and sells its products primarily in the United States through its sales and customer service staff located in Goodlettsville, Tennessee. The company operate as a stand alone subsidiary of Franke Resupply Systems, Inc. and will complement the existing resupply (parts and smallwares) business of Franke Foodservice Systems, located it LaVergne, TN. The company had a turnover of more than USD 6 million in 2006.

***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 82 subsidiaries in 42 countries, and has approximately 9,000 employees worldwide. The two divisions **Franke Kitchen Systems** (sinks, extractor hoods, tabs, hobs, ovens) and **Franke Foodservice Systems** (systems 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 Washroom Systems** (washroom and sanitary sys-*

*tems for public and semi-public use), **Franke Coffee Systems** with a wide range of super automatic, professional and semi-professional coffee machines, **Franke Beverage Systems** as well as industrial engineering. Franke generated consolidated sales of CHF 2,440.1 million in 2006.*

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