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### Franke purchases Dart Valley Systems in UK

Franke Artemis Group has purchased from P&L Systems Holding (UK) Limited, the entire issued share capital of Dart Valley Systems Limited (DVS), located in Paignton.

DVS is a leading manufacturer of automatic washroom solutions into the UK commercial market. With this acquisition Franke Washroom Systems strengthens its presence in the UK and can extend DVS healthcare, custodial and retailer building project management expertise throughout Franke Washroom Systems. DVS has 43 employees.

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*The industrial activities of **Franke Artemis Group** include Franke Kitchen Systems Group and Franke Commercial Systems Group. **Franke Kitchen Systems Group** is the world-leading provider of kitchen systems (sinks, taps, water management systems, ventilation hoods, cooking appliances). **Franke Commercial Systems Group** includes Franke Foodservice Systems (systems and services for quick service restaurants), Franke Washroom Systems (washroom and sanitary systems in the public and semi-public sectors), Franke Coffee Systems with a wide range of superautomatic, professional and semi-professional coffee machines, Franke Beverage Systems (beverage containers) and industrial engineering.*

*Furthermore, Franke Artemis Group owns and manages an extensive real estate portfolio (**Franke Artemis Real Estate Group**) in Switzerland and abroad and holds various strategic participations in international companies listed on the Swiss stock exchange (**Franke Artemis Asset Management Group**). Franke Artemis Group also has a majority stake in **Feintool Group**, the world leader in fine blanking technology.*

*Franke Artemis Group employs around 10,000 staff worldwide and is established in over 40 countries with about 80 subsidiaries. Franke Artemis Group generated consolidated sales of CHF 2.5 billion in 2011.*

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