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AS PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATOR WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSETS OF  
CEMECON AG

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Cemecon AG receives order from Research Center Jülich**

- **System manufacturer delivers coating technology for Jülich experts**
- **New order from Research Center Jülich supported business stabilization**

**Aachen/Würselen, 22. July 2009** Cemecon AG from Aachen has received an order from the Research Center Jülich to manufacture and deliver a high-tech coating system of the latest generation. In Jülich, the system is considered to be utilized in the development of fuel cells, gas separation membranes for carbon monoxide separation and in biomedicine such as implants. "The customized Cemecon coating technology creates the basis for the further expansion of our global leadership in the area of high temperature fuel cells and to conduct excellent research in the mentioned areas", says Dr. Hans Peter Buchkremer, responsible for high temperature fuel cell development at the Institute of Energy Research of the Research Center Jülich.

There will be no information on the contract volume. In addition, the volume could be further extended due to various services and upgrades in the following years. "We are in good conversations for further projects and cooperations with the Research Center Jülich but also with potential customers", says Thomas Georg, provisional administrator at Cemecon. Already in the past week, Georg stated that business operations at Cemecon are stabilizing and customers are still loyal to the company. "This order from Jülich is the best proof", says Georg.

Mid of June, the leaders of Cemecon have filed for reorganization due to insolvency at the responsible local court. The court had appointed Thomas Georg of the Aachen law office Mönning & Georg, which is specialized in reorganizations, as provisional administrator. The reason for the application for reorganization has been the economic crisis and in particular the strong sectoral crisis that led to a decline of up to 50 per cent in sales of coatings and up to 80 per cent in system manufacture at Cemecon. Business operations will continue without changes after the filing of the application for reorganization. The provisional administrator Georg sees chances to set the company back on a healthy basis, because Cemecon is world leader in some areas and has a good reputation. In addition, the goal of Georg is to secure as many jobs as possible.

**About CemeCon AG:**

With worldwide 400 employees, 350 of them based in Würselen close to Aachen, Cemecon is a company around high-performance coatings for cutting tools and components and is offering a comprehensive variety of services.

At the Würselen location, Cemecon is operating one of the largest coating centers in Europe and apart from that is running production sites in the USA, China, Scandinavia and Czech Republic. In the business year 2008, the company achieved a turnover amounting to 43 million euro.

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