

## Press Release

### **Maag expands plastic filtration operations by acquiring Ettliger Kunststoffmaschinen GmbH**

**Oberglatt, Switzerland, 9 January 2018** - Switzerland-based Maag, the world's leading manufacturer of gear pumps, pelletizing systems and filtration systems for high-end applications in the plastics, chemicals and petrochemicals industries, is expanding its operations by acquiring German company Ettliger Kunststoffmaschinen GmbH ("Ettliger").

Ettliger is a leading vendor of systems for the polymer and compounding industry. Its innovative products will further enhance Maag's strong position on the polymer filtration market, adding to its portfolio a new business unit specializing in injection-molding machinery for large parts. The two companies will continue to operate on the market under their existing brand names. The Maag group, with its key brands "Maag Pump & Filtration Systems," "Automatik Scheer Strand Pelletizers," "Gala Automatik Underwater Pelletizers" and "Reduction Pulverizing Systems", is headed by President Ueli Thuerig.

"This expansion is an exciting idea. Bundling the products and strengths of Maag and Ettliger will deliver a new breadth of custom solutions for plastic filtration," Ueli Thuerig comments. "Those customized products, in combination to rapid service backup through Maag's 18 global locations and tailored engineering solutions, will enable us to attain optimal, customer-specific market coverage."

Ettliger Kunststoffmaschinen GmbH majority shareholder and CEO Volker Neuber states: "Maag and Ettliger complement each other perfectly. This represents a unique opportunity to expand our product portfolio and offer our customers complete solutions. At the same time, we are extending our geographic reach, meaning we will be able to enhance our customer service on a global scale".

Over the coming weeks, the Maag and Ettliger teams will be focused on leveraging both companies strengths in order to serve customers even more efficiently and effectively than before. The aim is to enhance the offer to customers by expanding the group's vertically integrated portfolio of products and services.

Maag has production sites in Switzerland, Germany, Italy, the USA and China as well as additional service centers and sales offices in France, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, India, Thailand and Brazil. Ettliger's manufacturing base is in Germany, and it operates a sales and service center in

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Atlanta, USA. Together, Maag and Ettlinger will attain an outstanding geographic reach, resulting in an increased global presence.

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### **Information about Maag:**

*Maag is the global leader in the manufacture of gear pumps, pelletizing and filtration systems as well as pulverizers for high-end applications in the plastics, chemicals, petrochemicals and food industries. Maag develops, produces and sells innovative, customer-specific solutions for complete pumping and pelletizing systems – based on a tradition in the industry stretching back to 1910.*

*Maag is known worldwide as a pioneer and technology leader in developing and manufacturing customer-specific gear pumps and system solutions. For decades the company has stood for innovative pelletizing systems of the highest quality. Recent additions to the Maag family include Gala Industries and Reduction Engineering Scheer, thus adding pulverizers and additional pelletizing systems to the product portfolio.*

*Maag has production sites in Switzerland, Germany, Italy, the USA and China as well as additional sales branch offices in France, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, India, Thailand and Brazil. The Group has over 1000 employees. Maag operates on the market with the brands "Maag Pump & Filtration Systems," "Automatik Scheer Strand Pelletizers," "Gala Automatik Underwater Pelletizers" and "Reduction Pulverizing Systems".*

### **Information about Ettlinger:**

*Ettlinger Kunststoffmaschinen GmbH was founded in 1983 and is today a global player. The company has its headquarters in Königsbrunn, near Augsburg, in Southern Germany. A sales and service subsidiary opened in Atlanta (Georgia) in 2013. Its core competency is in the development and manufacture of high performance melt filters and injection molding machines. On the melt filtration side Ettlinger makes systems for continuous filtration of feedstock with varying degrees of contamination. Contaminants like paper, aluminum, wood, silicones or high-melting polymer composites can be removed from all standard polymer materials. Ettlinger injection molding machines are optimized for the production of polymer moldings up to 100 kilograms in weight such as plastic pallets, fittings, or manholes.*