



## **New holding structure of Austrian cable group SKB paves the way for further expansion in eastern and central Europe.**

In future the *SKB Group* will unite its companies in the holding company SKB Industrieholding GmbH. Brothers Alexander and Christoph Tremmel, managing directors of the holding company, will withdraw from day-to-day operations within the subsidiaries in order to concentrate their efforts on the cable producer's expansion throughout eastern and central Europe. "Strong growth within the SKB Group over the last few years means a holding structure is the next logical step", explained SKB boss Christoph Tremmel.

As they hand over the running of the subsidiaries, the holding directors have every confidence in the capabilities of local management: "We're lucky to have highly skilled and experienced management staff in all our locations. In our Austrian 'core company' *Schwechater Kabelwerke (SKW)*, our long standing Sales Manager Adolf Krenn and our former Finance Manager Robert Vodnek have been appointed as managing directors." The new SKW management team can indeed be proud of the company's considerable commercial success in 2007. Yet Adolf Krenn prefers to look to the future: "Our success over the last few years doesn't mean we'll be resting on our laurels. We want our turnover to reach the 100 million euro mark by 2010". The Tremmel brothers attach great importance to cultivating good customer relationships and maintaining direct customer contact: "Although in future we may be less involved in the actual day-to-day running of the business, we will of course remain in close contact with our customers", emphasised Alexander Tremmel.

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## **The SKB Group**

Over the last ten years and with substantial investments of around 50 million euros, SKB Industrieholding GmbH (SKB Group) based in Schwechat (near Vienna) has grown continuously to become a leading supplier of cable and data technology products in central Europe. The Austrian group of companies has been active in the cable sector for over a hundred years and has remained in family ownership for five generations. The group consists of the following companies:

### **SKW – Schwechater Kabelwerke GmbH (Schwechat, A)**

System supplier of cables with manufacturing and development expertise for Austria, Western and South-Eastern Europe.

### **Prakab – Pražská Kabelovna a.s. (Prague, CZ)**

Manufacturer of energy and telecommunications cables for the Czech Republic, Western and North-Eastern Europe.

### **SKG – SKG Netzwerktechnik GmbH (Schwechat, A)**

Specialist in network technology and the production of fibre optic components.

### **FCS – Fiber Components Slovakia sro (Nitra, SK)**

Manufacturer of fibre optic components for export markets.

### **ICS – Industrial Cables Slovakia (Nitra, SK)**

Specialist in the production of high-quality flexible industrial cables.

### **ELTRONA (Schwechat + Rottenmann, A / Hlohovec, SK / Zuchwil, CH)**

Specialist in complex cable harnessing and mechatronic device manufacturing.

### **IKK – Interkabel (Kiev, UKR)**

Manufacturer of energy cables for the Ukrainian market.

For further information about the SKB Group, please go to [www.skb-gruppe.at](http://www.skb-gruppe.at).