

## The automation and robotics specialist ESCAD joins ROBUR

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**ESCAD Automation GmbH, ESCAD Austria GmbH, Softwerk Automation GmbH and Smart Robotics Austria GmbH of the Pfullendorf-based ESCAD GROUP will become part of ROBUR with effect from 1 January 2021, thereby expanding the Group's portfolio to include collaborative lightweight robotics and intralogistics solutions.**

The Munich-based ROBUR Industry Service Group continues to grow. Several subsidiaries of the Pfullendorf-based ESCAD GROUP will become part of ROBUR with retroactive effect from the start of 2021. These subsidiaries supplement the Group's portfolio with the areas of collaborative lightweight robotics and intralogistics solutions and expand the competencies in the areas of engineering, plant construction and system integration.

"ESCAD represents another element at the heart of our holistic portfolio for the digital transformation of industry and industrial services. This strengthens our competencies in automation technology, expands the engineering capabilities of the Group and introduces new areas to ROBUR with collaborative lightweight robotics and its intralogistics solutions. This consolidates our service portfolio in the interest of our customers over the long term," says Jan-Jörg Müller-Seiler, CEO and Managing Partner of ROBUR, explaining the expansion of the Group.

The companies ESCAD Automation GmbH, ESCAD Austria GmbH, Softwerk Automation GmbH and Smart Robotics Austria GmbH bring together almost 200 colleagues across 5 locations to the ROBUR Group. Founded in 1996, ESCAD is among the top 100 most innovative companies and, with its pioneering minds and technology professionals, is an all-round project partner from the initial concept through to product development, from individual parts through to series production. ESCAD rounds off the portfolio for its customers as a holistic system partner with the forward-looking topics of Industry 4.0 and human-machine interaction. Renowned customers and innovation leaders form part of the growing customer base.

"ROBUR is the ideal enhancement to what we at ESCAD offer our customers in terms of services, while at the same time we are bringing additional expertise to a fascinating Group thanks to our many years of experience in the automation of robotics, intralogistics, system integration and plant engineering. This will create unimagined potential and inspiring synergies for ESCAD and ROBUR," comments Rudolf Rauch, Co-Managing Director of ESCAD.

Reiner Hafen, Co-Managing Director of ESCAD, adds: "In terms of the service portfolio, the philosophy and on the personal level – ESCAD and ROBUR are an ideal match. We hit it off with our partners at ROBUR from the very first meeting and can continue and expand the successful history of ESCAD under the new umbrella in the interest of our colleagues and our customers."

"Our philosophy at ROBUR has always been to bring specialists together and have them work collaboratively on finding solutions to the challenges our customers face. With a focus on digital transformation, supporting ecological change and the ROBUR partnership, we can offer our customers and partner companies the ideal basis for growing together and mastering the challenges of today collaboratively within a group of specialists. We are delighted that Rudolf and Reiner, together with their colleagues at ESCAD, have chosen to shape this further growth in and with ROBUR," concludes Florian Kopp, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of ROBUR.



**About ROBUR Industry Service Group GmbH (ROBUR):**

Founded in 2015 in response to the ecological change of industries and the changing challenges of high-quality and increasingly digital industrial services, ROBUR now ranks among the top 10 industrial service providers in Germany with sales of approx. EUR 200 million in 2020 and an established global presence.

Both the financing and the leadership of the group are characterized by partnership and entrepreneurialism. Our member companies benefit from the size and internationality of the group and can leverage sales, capacity utilization and management synergies.

About 3,000 colleagues globally work in the wind, water, energy, industrials and process industries. As expert partners for our customers, we create holistic solutions from the planning and realization to maintenance and operation, to the relocation and decommissioning and support our customers with digital, automation and data-insights solutions in shaping their digital transformation.

The challenges of ecological change are our drive for creating efficient, optimized and holistic solutions for the benefit of our customers, the environment and the future generations.

**About the ESCAD GROUP**

The ESCAD GROUP is a leading international provider of the products, services and technologies of tomorrow. Our competence and expertise have grown rapidly in recent years with more than 500 employees at our headquarters in Pfullendorf and at locations around the world.

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