

APE Engineering becomes part of ROBUR and further strengthens the automation and digital competence of the Group

APE Engineering GmbH from Niedernberg will become part of the ROBUR Industry Service Group, backdated to 1 January 2019. The merger reinforces the ROBUR product portfolio in the areas of automation and digitization within the Group. This enhances ROBUR's ability to fully meet the needs and requirements of its customers in this segment. More than 300 colleagues at ROBUR are now focusing on the challenges of digitization, developing innovative automation solutions and shaping the future of the German industry (IND4.0).

"Thanks to its many years of expertise in automation, APE Engineering GmbH is the perfect addition to our existing company portfolio," says Jan-Jörg Müller-Seiler, CEO of ROBUR. "The innovative strength in the area of IND4.0 and digitization in particular holds exciting potential, something we will expand together with our ROBUR partner companies."

"The APE business units of engineering, technical IT as well as technical documentation and translation enable us to meet the requirements of our customers even more effectively and comprehensively. We are able to sustainably strengthen our market position thanks to a further 100 highly qualified colleagues. We are excited to welcome the APE colleagues to the ROBUR family," adds Florian Kopp, Managing Partner of ROBUR.

APE Engineering Managing Directors Norbert Reuter and Thomas Hinninger are proud of this development and look forward to working together with the new partners.

"Our work has always been characterized by our customer focus, flexibility, competitive edge in terms of knowledge and extensive range of personal consulting services. In addition to the challenge of jointly defining a sustainable automation solution with the customer, issues such as IT security, risk assessment, machine safety, project management and research funding are also addressed. We can take this to a new level with a strong partner like ROBUR," says Thomas Hinninger.

"We are very confident that together we will be able to open up new markets both in Germany and throughout the world. Both, our customers, as well as APE Engineering will benefit from ROBUR's extensive network. We are very much looking forward to the joint projects as part of a large, powerful group," adds Norbert Reuter.

The company, founded in 1997 with around 100 colleagues, will become a wholly owned subsidiary of ROBUR Industry Service Group in Munich and will continue to operate independently as APE Engineering GmbH, as will the two Managing Directors continue to manage the company in Niedernberg near Aschaffenburg and represent APE Engineering as a partner within ROBUR.

About APE Engineering GmbH

APE Engineering GmbH has been offering comprehensive and customized solutions for automation processes for more than 20 years for companies in a wide variety of industries, in mechanical engineering and plant construction as well as for production companies.

With its business units of engineering, technical IT, as well as technical documentation and translation, APE Engineering is able to meet the most diverse requirements of our customers in a targeted and comprehensive manner. This is complemented by a broad range of

consulting services, encompassing expertise in IT security, risk assessment, machine safety, project management and research funding.

APE Engineering provides its customers with comprehensive support from the outset and throughout the entire project cycle, commissioning and after-sales service.

About ROBUR Industry Service Group GmbH (ROBUR)

Founded in 2015 in response to the changing challenges of high-quality and increasingly digital industrial services, ROBUR now ranks among the top 10 industrial service providers in Germany with 20 companies and sales of approx. EUR 200 million in 2019 and is rapidly establishing 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.

More than 2,000 colleagues globally work in the wind, water, energy, industrials and process industries. As expert partners for our customers, we create integrated solutions from the planning to implementation, to operation and maintenance, to relocation and decommissioning and support our customers with digital and automation solutions in shaping their digital transformation.

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