

PRESS RELEASE

Digitalization: Dürr takes over majority of Techno-Step GmbH

Bietigheim-Bissingen, March 10, 2020 – Dürr is reinforcing its market position in the field of digital products: The mechanical and plant engineering firm acquired a majority of Techno-Step GmbH effective March 9, 2020. Techno-Step is specialized in developing and commissioning systems for process data analysis and diagnosis. The takeover will enable Dürr to intensify its strategy to develop software solutions based on data analyses. Customers can use these to enhance the availability of their plant equipment and the efficiency of their production processes.

Products from Techno-Step are deployed worldwide, especially in paint shops of major German carmakers. The hardware and software of the company based in Böblingen (near Stuttgart) now also make it possible for inventory and third-party plant equipment to be intelligently networked with Dürr's DXQ software products. This enables older generations of robots to exchange data, allowing the relevant processes to be analyzed. A further benefit to customers is that Techno-Step solutions are supplemented e.g. by process simulations as well as by automatically generated reports and forecasts (machine learning) of Dürr.

“By cooperating closely with the Techno-Step experts, we're following up our plans to become the leading provider of digital solutions in entire automobile factories”, says Dr. Jochen Weyrauch, Deputy CEO of Dürr AG, responsible for the paint shop and final assembly business.

The company Techno-Step GmbH was founded in 2003 by Markus Schultheiß, who remains Managing Director. In fiscal 2018/19, the company generated € 3.5 million in sales.

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- **Paint and Final Assembly Systems:** paint shops as well as final assembly, testing and filling technology for the automotive industry
- **Application Technology:** robot technologies for the automated application of paint, sealants and adhesives
- **Clean Technology Systems:** air pollution control, noise abatement systems and battery coating lines
- **Measuring and Process Systems:** balancing equipment and diagnostic technology
- **Woodworking Machinery and Systems:** machinery and equipment for the woodworking industry

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