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PRESS RELEASE

Coperion smoothes way to autonomy for Swiss subsidiary

Stuttgart, April 10, 2006. With the sale to Fabrel Lotos and management of all its holdings and assets, with effect from January 1, 2006, Coperion Holding is paving the way to market independence for Coperion Buss AG. The sale of Buss now lets Coperion concentrate on its core compounding technology for pre-processing plastics and chemical and foods industry raw materials. According to Manfred Eiden, Coperion Holding CEO, it is an important step towards expanding the firm's world market leadership. "Now even more clearly focused and positioned, we are strengthening our claim to technological leadership. Following the sale of Buss we will be concentrating our research and development efforts on the Twin Screw compounding technology developed and patented by Coperion Werner & Pfleiderer." These systems will continue to be manufactured in Stuttgart (Coperion Werner & Pfleiderer) and Nanjing, China (Coperion Keya), with components parts produced in Wytheville, Virginia, USA. Coperion Waeschle, global market leader in materials handling engineering services and equipment, is located at Weingarten in southern Germany and designs systems employed in the plastics, chemicals and foods industries. Coperion continues to build its market success on three strategic pillars: compounding systems, materials handling plant and global services, offering customers a unique one-stop shop that covers all their compounding needs.

Under Coperion's management Buss has developed to become a profitable specialist in mechanical engineering with a global presence. Prime evidence of its capabilities is the Basel Innovation Prize, awarded to the Buss for its quantec[®] high-performance kneading unit. Buss' concentration on specialised markets makes it non-core to Coperion strategically and there is little medium- or long-term synergy potential in production or sales. The former subsidiary, located in the town of Pratteln, Basel, will operate once again as Buss AG, with Dr. Beat Sturzenegger at the helm. Buss provides kneading systems (using the oscillating screw

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principle) and associated services to plastic resin and powdered paint processors and for special applications in the chemicals, aluminium and food products industries. The company employs about 200 persons worldwide and in 2005 achieved sales of some 60 million Swiss francs.

“The acquisition of a controlling interest in Buss by Fabrel Lotos, one of Switzerland’s most experienced industrial financial investors, is excellent news,” said Dr Sturzenegger. “With their support we will be able to further strengthen our development pipeline and will only serve to increase the focus of our highly motivated team on being a solutions and innovations led provider of kneading and compounding systems.”

Coperion will be providing information on current corporate figures and its medium- and long-term strategies in a business press conference to be held in Stuttgart on May 9, 2006.

Coperion Buss AG: price is not disclosed

About Coperion:

The Coperion Group – with its affiliates Coperion Werner & Pfleiderer, Coperion Waeschle and Coperion Keya along with twenty sales and services firms – is the world’s market and technology leader in compounding systems and materials handling plant engineering and design. Coperion engineers, delivers and maintains complete plants and the machinery and components used in the plastics, chemicals and foods industries. Following their initial investment five years ago, London-based West Private Equity became the sole owner of the group in March 2006. Coperion achieved consolidated sales in 2005 of 364 million euros and at the close of that year had some about 2,000 employees worldwide.

About West Private Equity (‘WPE’):

Following regulatory clearance, WPE will change its name in Q2 2006 to Lyceum Capital. The WPE team has now expanded to 20 employees and Industrial Partners.

- WPE / Lyceum Capital invests in leading UK and European services businesses, which it builds through investment, accelerated internal growth and add-on acquisitions.

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- Since 2000, WPE / Lyceum Capital has acquired or invested in 29 companies to develop or form 9 groups operating in healthcare, education, business outsourcing, industrial systems & services, IT services and software, and environmental risk management services. Two groups have been sold and continue to flourish under new ownership: Asquith Court Schools and Southern Cross Healthcare.
- Further details can be found at www.westpe.com.

About Fabrel Lotos:

Fabrel Lotos participates on a long-term basis with equity holdings and entrepreneurial know-how in medium-sized industrial and service companies with good growth prospects. Fabrel Lotos strives to make only investments that it expects to retain ownership of indefinitely, enabling these companies to achieve their growth targets and maintain their independence. Fabrel Lotos is a solidly-based investment and management company that has acquired both majority and minority interests in recent years, including in Switzerland the DemoSCOPE Group, headquartered in Adligenswil; the Seewer Group, headquartered in Burgdorf; and the Utz Group, headquartered in Bremgarten; as well as the Schades Group, headquartered in Denmark.

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