

***KIEFEL: Major order for high-tech equipment.  
The medical-technology sector is booming***

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***The recently-placed, biggest single order to date in the history of KIEFEL GmbH, of Freilassing (Germany), is worth several million Euros.***

*The company, which specialises in the technologies involved in the processing of plastic foil materials for special applications, is to supply a fully-automatic, high-tech seam welding unit for use in the manufacture of an innovative medical article by a pharmaceutical company of international renown.*

*The system is a fruit of the combined, wide-ranging know-how of Kiefel's team of specialists in the field of medical technology. The fully-automatic process is designed to transform raw foil material into products ready for sale. The system includes both high-frequency and thermal-contact welding units. The finished articles are printed and then packed in an integrated filling unit.*



*The delivery time for the system is 15 months, and it is set to go into operation in the summer of 2008. The production line is to be integrated into the customer's existing manufacturing-plant system.*

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*The proportion of turnover accounted for by medical technology at Kiefel has increased greatly, driven by a growth in the company's export market. The main markets for Kiefel seam-welding units are in Western Europe, the United States and South-East Asia. These machines are used in the manufacture of such items as blood bags, infusion bags, colostomy bags and drip-feed bags.*

*"Cost pressures are apparent everywhere, and the use of flexible plastic containers normally brings advantages in this respect. They also fulfil the highly-demanding quality specifications of the medical sector. Flexible design considerations – sometimes with welded-in tubes and valves – simple transport and reliable functioning all help encourage the trend. The market currently offers Kiefel more than enough exciting challenges." in the words of Johann Haas, Head of Medical Technology at KIEFEL.*

*KIEFEL is a world leader when it comes to the design and manufacture of machines used to process plastic foil materials. The company offers core expertise in the fields of moulding and joining technology. In addition to supplying the medical technology sector, KIEFEL also serves the car, refrigerator and packaging industries.*

*KIEFEL GmbH, a member of the Brückner Group of Companies, is based in Freilassing, Germany. The company also operates branches in the United States, France, Austria, the Netherlands, Russia and the Czech Republic.*

*Visit KIEFEL at the K-Messe trade fair in Düsseldorf (Germany): Hall 3, Stand F 92.*

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