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GROB AG Nebikon, Swiss pioneer in the manufacture of gearwheels, is now a part of the F.G. Pfister Foundation

- **As part of a succession solution, Fritz Grob, owner and Chairman of the Board of Directors of GROB AG Nebikon, is selling 90% of the company to F.G. Pfister Holding AG, under whose umbrella the entrepreneurial activities of the F.G. Pfister Foundation are bundled.**
- **GROB AG Nebikon is a leading Swiss manufacturer and supplier of high-quality gearwheels, bevel gears, worms and worm gears for customers in the machine and vehicle construction, plant and apparatus engineering sectors.**
- **The F.G. Pfister Foundation's investment in the family business, which was founded in 1947, is the ideal long-term succession solution for GROB AG Nebikon.**
- **For the F.G. Pfister Foundation, this is the eighth investment in three years with a focus on Swiss SMEs looking for a sustainable succession solution.**
- **Fritz Grob remains Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company.**
- **Nothing will change for the approximately 60 employees of GROB AG Nebikon and all jobs are secure.**

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GROB AG Nebikon is a leading Swiss manufacturer of gearwheels and supplies customers worldwide in the mechanical and vehicle engineering, plant and apparatus engineering sectors with high-quality precision products. Founded in 1947, the family-owned company is characterized by a high level of innovation and a focus on environmentally conscious production. GROB AG Nebikon currently employs 60 people. Fritz Grob, Chairman of the Board of Directors, has been actively working on a sustainable and future-oriented succession solution for several years. "Through the partnership with the F.G. Pfister Foundation, we are securing the long-term independence of the company. I will be celebrating my 65th birthday next year. I see it as my entrepreneurial responsibility to take timely measures to ensure the future of the company in Nebikon and the preservation of the 60 jobs. The fact that we were in the fortunate position of looking for a partner that suited us perfectly and found one in the F.G. Pfister Foundation fills me with gratitude. We share common entrepreneurial, ecological and social values, which makes this partnership all the more meaningful," says Fritz Grob, who will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors of GROB AG Nebikon.

"GROB AG Nebikon plays a pioneering role in the production and marketing of high-quality, durable gearwheels and is one of the leading companies in the machine, electrical engineering and metals industry (MEM) in Switzerland. The company is on a successful path and acts responsibly and fairly in its dealings with the environment and its employees. These guiding principles harmonize with the values of the F.G. Pfister Foundation and will be further strengthened by the investment. MEM is an essential pillar for Switzerland as a business destination. The investment in GROB AG Nebikon and the associated safeguarding of its continued existence not only strengthen the company itself, but also contribute to safeguarding the competitiveness of Switzerland. We are very much looking forward to continuing the history of GROB AG Nebikon together for the next generations and thus strengthening Switzerland as a major business place," says Rudolf Obrecht, Chairman of the Board of Directors of F.G. Pfister Holding AG, which is acquiring the shares as a company of the F.G. Pfister Foundation. This is F.G. Pfister Holding's eighth investment in three years.

F.G. Pfister Holding AG

F.G. Pfister Holding AG is fully owned by the F.G. Pfister Foundation. The income generated by F.G. Pfister Holding AG contributes to fulfilling the F.G. Pfister Foundation's purpose, which is to promote innovation and entrepreneurship for the benefit of the Swiss economy and society, with the aim of strengthening Switzerland as a place to live and work. F.G. Pfister Holding AG has its registered office in Suhr. Rudolf Obrecht is chairman and chief executive officer.

Through the non-profit organisation Initiative Switzerland, the F.G. Pfister Foundation supports innovative ideas and projects in all parts of the country and language regions of Switzerland. With its activities and projects, it makes an active contribution to promoting and strengthening Switzerland's competitiveness. Since 2021, the annual "Prix Suisse" has been honouring prominent figures who make outstanding contributions to Switzerland. This year, the third ever "Prix Suisse" was awarded to exceptional sportsman Marco Odermatt.

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GROB AG Nebikon

GROB AG Nebikon produces high-quality gearing parts and components at its site in Nebikon (LU). With around 60 employees, the company supplies customers worldwide with precision products of the highest quality. GROB AG Nebikon is not only characterized by first-class products, but also positions itself on the market as a reliable partner with a high level of innovation and comprehensive expertise. New approaches are constantly being researched to make production and the use of materials even more sustainable.

The company was founded in 1947 by Hans Grob-Tschopp, the grandfather of the current Chairman of the Board of Directors, Fritz Grob. Fritz Grob initially managed the company together with his brother Philipp from the mid-1990s, the third generation to do so. After the premature death of his brother in 2004, he remained at the helm of the company alone. In 2019, he handed over the management of the company to Rafael Fellmann, formerly Head of Production. Fritz Grob remains active as Chairman of the Board of Directors in the areas of sales and consulting.

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