

GEA sets up ADR program

Bochum, July 31, 2008 – GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft announced today that the Group has set up an unrestricted, sponsored Level 1 American Depository Receipt (ADR) in the USA. The GEA – ADRs will be traded from today in the USA under the symbol GEAGY in the over-the-counter market. The ratio ADR to ordinary share is 1:1. Deutsche Bank is acting as the depository bank for the ADRs, whose security identification number (CUSIP) is 361592108.

"American investors show great interest in GEA," commented Hartmut Eberlein, CFO of the GEA Group. "A reasonable proportion of our shares is already held by US investors. And we also think our shares possess great potential above and beyond this in this important market. We are establishing this program to offer even more US investors the opportunity to participate in the future growth of our company."

GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft is an international technology group that focuses on the specialty mechanical engineering areas of process technology and components. Consolidated sales were EUR 5.2 billion in 2007. More than 50 per cent of GEA's sales are delivered into the fast growing food and beverage industry. The company's workforce comprised over 20,000 employees as of June 30, 2008. The GEA Group is a market and technology leader in 90 percent of its business areas. GEA Group is listed in the German MDAX share index (G1A, WKN 660200).