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# Franke completes acquisition of German AquaRotter GmbH

**Aarburg, Switzerland, 4. October 2005 – On 7. September 2005 Franke announced to acquire the German Grohe subsidiary AquaRotter GmbH. After approval of the Competition Commission the transaction has been closed successfully.**

AquaRotter is the technology leader in developing and producing central systems to reduce water and energy consumption and optimize hygiene. Its product lines are specifically geared towards the needs of professional users. AquaRotter will be integrated in the global expanding Business Unit Franke Washroom and Sanitary Systems.

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*The **Franke** Group is a global provider of products, services and custom solutions for a wide range of applications in the household food preparation and catering sectors. Franke, whose holding company is domiciled in Aarburg, Switzerland, has some 7,500 employees around the world, and is firmly established with 85 subsidiaries in 39 countries. The two divisions **Franke Kitchen Systems** (sinks, taps, cooking hobs, ovens, hoods and washroom and sanitary systems) and **Franke Foodservice Systems** (products and services for quick service restaurants) are the global market leaders in their business sectors, exporting to over 100 countries. The activities of Franke also include **Franke Coffee Systems** with a broad product programme of fully-automatic, professional and semi-professional coffee machines as well as the technology field and beverage containers. In the financial year 2004, Franke generated consolidated sales of CHF 1,628.0 million.*



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