

MEDIA RELEASE

Franke develops further African markets through a Joint Venture

Aarburg, Switzerland, 13 March 2007 – Franke agreed on a Joint Venture with its long-time business Partner Dawn Group to expand distribution in Angola, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria and Mozambique.

With the establishment of a new Holding Company based in Johannesburg, South Africa, Franke agreed on a Joint Venture with Dawn Ltd. (Distribution and Warehousing Network Limited), a listed company on the Johannesburg stock exchange (JSE), with the target of developing new African markets. In addition to several logistics and production locations in South Africa, Dawn already operates own export companies in Angola, Mozambique and Nigeria which will be included in the agreed Joint Venture.

Franke is, with own production and distribution companies in South Africa, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia as well as Dubai, already well-positioned on the African continent. A challenge is the export business to other countries in Africa. Through the Joint Venture with Dawn, Franke will be able to build up new distribution channels in countries which have not been accessible up to now.

Dawn Ltd. is an important manufacturer and distributor of local and international quality hardware, kitchen and sanitary ware who operates through a national strategically posi-

tioned branch network in South Africa as well as select African countries.

***Franke** is a global supplier of products, services and customized solutions in the household and catering food preparation sectors, broadly defined. The **Franke Group**, headquartered in Aarburg, Switzerland, is firmly established with 85 subsidiaries in 41 countries, and has approximately 8,500 employees worldwide. The two divisions **Franke Kitchen Systems** (sinks, taps, extractor hoods, hobs, ovens) and **Franke Foodservice Systems** (kitchen equipment and services for quick service restaurants) are the global market leaders in their respective segments, with exports to over 100 countries. Further activities of the Franke Group include **Franke Coffee Systems** with a wide range of super automatic, professional and semi-professional coffee machines, **Franke Washroom Systems** (washroom and sanitary systems for public and semi-public use), **Franke Beverage Containers** as well as industrial engineering. Franke generated consolidated sales of CHF 1,959.0 million in 2005.*

Natascha Widmer
Franke Corporate Communications
Tel. +41 62 787 38 69 / +41 79 771 90 73
Fax +41 62 787 30 37
natascha.widmer@franke.com
www.franke.com