

**PRESS RELEASE**

Franke participates with coffee distribution and servicing business in UK

**Aarburg, Switzerland, 14 November 2007 - Franke has acquired a minority stake of the newly founded Franke Coffee Systems UK Ltd based in Hertfordshire, UK. Therefore, Franke is increasing its presence in the vast growing UK market for professional coffee machines. Franke has formed a working partnership with Mr James Nicholson who has been a customer of Franke for many years.**

Franke Coffee Systems UK Limited currently employs 26 people and offers a nationwide servicing network for its customers. Besides the Franke super automatic coffee machines the product range also includes traditional coffee machines. Franke has a call option to purchase the remaining stake in three years.

The UK market is considered to be a major growth market in the area of professional super automatic coffee machines.

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**Washroom Systems** (washroom and sanitary systems for public and semi-public use), **Franke Coffee Systems** with a wide range of super automatic, professional and semi-professional coffee machines, **Franke Beverage Systems** as well as industrial engineering. In 2006, Franke generated consolidated sales of CHF 2,440.1 million.

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