

PRESS RELEASE**Franke invests in the United Arab Emirates**

Aarburg, Switzerland, 19 January 2009 – Franke demonstrates its commitment to the growth market in the Middle East and opened a new production site for Franke Washroom Systems.

To strengthen the presence in the Middle East Franke opened a production site in Ras Al-Khaimah and further invested in the sales organization including the showroom in Dubai. Franke Washroom Systems (washroom and sanitary systems for the public and semi-public sector) now produces tailored solutions for the local markets as well as standard products for European markets on a cost-effective basis. Therefore Franke achieves direct access to fast growing markets in the Middle East and views the local production as a competitive advantage.

Franke has been present in the Middle East with sales organisations and production sites for many years and for all Franke activities. This new investment in a production facility and sales organization supports this approach.

Franke is a world leader in comprehensive systems that make a rewarding experience of kitchen work and professional food service, coffee preparation, beverage delivery and hygiene solutions.

Franke has a global presence and a local commitment to its customers, with some 13,000 employees worldwide operating through more than 70 subsidiaries in 40 countries. The Franke Group, whose head offices are in Aarburg, Switzer-

land, generated consolidated sales of more than 3 billion Swiss Francs in 2007.

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