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BG & ARP: Two Consulting Engineering Firms Join Forces

Lausanne/Zug, 19 November 2009 – The consulting engineering firms BG and ARP, with headquarters in Lausanne and Zug respectively, are to offer their services under the aegis of the BG Group Holding Company. The two financially sound companies will maintain their own corporate identity. At 55, André Rotzetter is thus securing his firms' future while remaining Delegate to the Board of Directors and CEO of the company ARP André Rotzetter + Partner Ltd. With a staff of about 500 and a turnover of 75 million Swiss francs, the new corporation significantly strengthens its hold on the Swiss market, as BG and ARP emerge on new market segments to safeguard their growth potential, with the promise of new employment opportunities.

The strong complementarity of the skills of BG and ARP throughout their fields of operation results in a unique portfolio of services made available to their clients throughout Switzerland. Moreover, their corporate cultures are close and there is strong potential for synergies in terms of competence, geographical scope and positioning in the management of complex projects. *"ARP's arrival takes us into a new dimension - on markets where the BG Group's presence was low. From now on we are a truly nationwide partner for all our clients"*, said Laurent Vulliet, CEO of the Group BG Consulting Engineers.

Founded in 1957, the ARP Rotzetter + Partner Ltd Group employs about 100 people in Zug / Baar, Schwyz and Zurich. Its staff members, engaged in the fields of engineering structures, foundation works, building structure and renovation, as well as transport infrastructure and water management, will strengthen the skills of BG, particularly in the areas of road and urban infrastructure and telecommunication networks.

BG Consulting Engineers, founded in Lausanne in 1954, has a staff of about 400 and achieves half of its turnover abroad. With subsidiaries in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, in Bern, in France and Algeria, the firm is engaged in the fields of infrastructure, environment, construction and energy.

According to the ARP Managing Director and CEO, the fact that BG is owned by its executives was a decisive factor inasmuch as by joining the BG Group, his company enables its own executives to become shareholders and to be involved in the company's strategy. **André Rotzetter**, like the Management of the Group BG Consulting Engineers, is firmly convinced that *"a company is attractive to talented professionals if it involves them in strategic planning by giving them shares. I have been thinking of my firm's future for some time, and joining BG not only guarantees that my people will keep their jobs, but also gives them access to opportunities which would be beyond their reach by going it alone"*.

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