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BYK Strengthens Its Portfolio of Measurement and Testing Instruments Through a Strategic Acquisition in the Autonomous Driving Market

- Acquisition of perisens, the leading specialist in radar and communications technology
- Expansion of the measurement and testing instrument business through patented technology for radar measurement of painted automotive components

Wesel / Geretsried, July 2, 2026 – BYK-Gardner GmbH, a subsidiary of the specialty chemicals group ALTANA, is acquiring perisens GmbH. Based in Feldkirchen near Munich, the company develops and manufactures measurement and testing equipment for automotive radar sensors and radar covers, known as radomes.

These measurement and testing systems are used in quality assurance for painted plastic automotive components in vehicles equipped with radar sensors for autonomous driving. This ensures that the paint systems used do not attenuate the radar signals too much and do not impair the radar's function.

Through this acquisition, ALTANA's BYK division is strategically expanding its business in measurement and testing instruments and broadening its product portfolio to include innovative technologies in the field of radar measurement. perisens, founded in 2009 as a spin-off from the Technical University of Munich, will be integrated into BYK-Gardner, headquartered in Geretsried, Bavaria.

Patented Technology for Laboratory Measurement Devices

With the Radom Measurement Systems of the RMS-C and RMS-D product series, perisens offers solutions for radar radomes ranging from development through quality control in series production. These RMS systems have been in use worldwide since 2014 by leading automakers, radar sensor suppliers, and suppliers of plastic components, as well as paint and pigment manufacturers.

perisens' patented technology can be used in both laboratory measuring instruments and measuring cells on robot-controlled production lines. perisens' products enable precise process control of coated plastic automotive components made from plastics.

Integration of the Measurement Technology at BYK

As part of the acquisition, the employees working for perisens will be transferred to BYK.

“perisens' radar measurement instruments are a perfect complement to BYK-Gardner's innovative color and gloss measurement instruments,” explains Dr. Jörg Hinnerwisch, Division President of BYK. “This is state-of-the-art technology with excellent prospects for the future.” Dr. Jörg Krames, Managing Director of BYK-Gardner, adds: “True to our motto, ‘Measure the visible and beyond,’ the

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integration of this new measurement technology allows us to offer our existing customers in the automotive and coatings industries another milestone in our product portfolio, as radar measurement will be indispensable for autonomous driving in the future.”

Dr. Florian Pfeiffer, Managing Partner of perisens, says: “The integration of perisens into BYK-Gardner will enable us to further develop our existing testing and measurement instruments even faster, increase brand awareness, and consistently drive innovation forward.”



Radome Measurement Systems (RMS) are used worldwide by automakers and their suppliers in research and development, quality control, and production testing (end-of-line).

About BYK:

BYK is a leading global supplier of specialty chemicals. The company's innovative additives and differentiated solutions optimize product and material properties as well as production and application processes. Amongst other things, BYK additives improve scratch resistance and surface gloss, the mechanical strength or flow behavior of materials, and properties such as UV- and light stability or flame retardancy. In the field of quality assurance, BYK's measuring and testing instruments serve to effectively assess appearance and physical properties.

The company's customers include manufacturers of coatings and printing inks, plastics, adhesives and sealants, as well as cleaners, floor coatings, and lubricants. BYK additives are also successfully used in the construction chemistry, oil and gas, and foundry industries.

BYK has a global network of subsidiaries and operates production sites in Germany (Wesel, Kempen, Schkopau, Moosburg, Geretsried), the Netherlands (Deventer, Denekamp, Nijverdal), and the UK (Widnes), in the USA (Wallingford, Chester, Columbia, Earth City, Gonzales, Louisville, Pittsford), and in China (Shanghai, Tongling).

The company is part of the ALTANA Group and employs a workforce of more than 2,700 people worldwide.

www.byk.com

About perisens

perisens was founded in 2009 as a spin-off from the Technical University of Munich and has developed to a worldwide known specialist in automotive radar and communication systems. The name perisens derives from the terms PERI|pherals and SENS|ors and stands for automotive environmental sensor technology. perisens supports car manufacturers and suppliers in the field of radar technology and also communication systems.

perisens is offering services and measurement solutions for radar sensors and radar covers (so called radomes). The products Radar Target Simulator (RTS) and Radome Measurement System (RMS) are worldwide used by car manufacturers and their suppliers in research & development, quality control and production (end-of-line) testing.

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perisens technology helps customers to improve the radar transparency of automotive (metallic) paints, to ensure that emblems with complex design do not cause radar interference and to develop the next generation of radar sensors.

www.perisens.de/en

About ALTANA:

ALTANA is a global leader in true specialty chemicals. The Group offers innovative solutions for coating manufacturers, paint and plastics processors, the printing and packaging industries, the cosmetics sector, and the electrical and electronics industry. The product range includes additives, specialty coatings and adhesives, effect pigments, sealants and compounds, impregnating resins and varnishes, and testing and measuring instruments. ALTANA's four divisions, BYK, ECKART, ELANTAS, and ACTEGA, all occupy a leading position in their target markets with respect to quality, product solution expertise, innovation, and service.

Headquartered in Wesel, Germany, the ALTANA Group has 58 production facilities and 67 service and research laboratories worldwide. Throughout the Group, more than 8,000 people work to ensure the worldwide success of ALTANA. In 2025, ALTANA achieved sales of more than 3 billion euros. About 7 percent of the total sales is invested in research and development each year. Its high earning power and high growth rate make ALTANA one of the world's most innovative, fastest growing, and most profitable chemical companies.

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