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ABOUT THE **MONTY**

WG Montgomery Ltd. is a third generation family owned business founded in 1969 by William Gordon Montgomery to service the worldwide heat treating industry.

In 1997 the company started publishing "The Monty Heat Treat News" digital magazine which was quickly followed by a website dedicated to the industry *www.TheMonty.com* "The Monty" is dedicated to providing the most up to date news and trends in the global heat treatment industry.

Our readership consists of many of the largest captive heat treaters on the planet as well as commercial heat treaters and industry suppliers.

Acquisition in the European Heat Treatment Industry

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According to this press release HÄRTHA GROUP, one of the larger commercial heat treaters in Europe has made yet another acquisition. Over the years Gord Montgomery of “The Monty Heat Treat News” has been fortunate enough to visit a number of the HÄRTHA locations including Aldenhoven, Germany. The attached photo shows the facility, Mr. Sven Killmer is on the left in this photo.

“Acquisition bolsters market position in southern Germany and strengthens HÄRTHA GROUP’s position in the competitive surface and coating technology segment.

Their strategic purchase in southern Germany allows the company group from Alsdorf (NRW) to augment their position in the attractive hardening market in southern Germany and to strengthen their core business in the field of heat treatment and coating. The transaction was put into effect in October of 2024.

Based in Neu-Ulm, Donau-Härtere GmbH is an established company in the heat treatment business and has been operating in this area since 1989. With the acquisition, the HÄRTHA Group widens their geographical presence in southern Germany while further enlarging their network for metal refining in this key industrial region. DonauHärtere GmbH boasts a broad portfolio that includes such processes as heat treatment under protective gas and in a vacuum, salt bath nitriding, salt bath hardening and inductive hardening. The company supplies customers from many areas, including mechanical and plant engineering, construction and agricultural machinery, toolmaking and mobility. This acquisition allows the HÄRTHA GROUP to expand their capacities and gives them the ability to now offer customers in southern Germany even more comprehensive services in the field of heat treatment.



“I warmly welcome to the HÄRTHA family the workforce of the Donau hardening plant, and the tremendous professional expertise they bring with them. We are particularly grateful that the experienced management of the

Donau hardening plant, Mr. Stefan Schiele and Mrs. Ingrid Schiele, will remain on board. The integration of Donau-Härtere GmbH is making it possible for the HÄRTHA GROUP to fortify our position in southern Germany and to grow our service network in another important region of Europe. With this acquisition, we are adding another logical building block to our growth strategy,” explains Sven Killmer, CEO of the HÄRTHA GROUP.

And, Stefan Schiele, Managing Director of Donau-Härtere GmbH, adds: “We are overjoyed that we managed to secure both my succession and the



continuation of the business for the long term by joining forces with the HÄRTHA GROUP. The aspects that won us over were the advantages of a medium-sized group of companies combined with a corporate culture that is marked by exceptional entrepreneurship and agility. What this means for us is that we can

request targeted support in the future, while simultaneously retaining the freedom of decision for our own activities.”

“Over the last 35 years, Mr. and Mrs. Schiele have successfully poured their heart and soul into building this company. I have the utmost respect for this magnificent business achievement. I am delighted that both will remain with us and that we can jointly offer continuity for customers and employees alike,” adds Sven Killmer.

Since its founding in 1990, the HÄRTHA GROUP has been a leading supplier in the field of metal refining. Head-quartered in Alsdorf, the Group specializes in heat treatment processes and coating solutions. Operating with 12 locations in Germany, Italy and the Netherlands, HÄRTHA employs a workforce of approx. 500. Customers from various industries, such as electro mobility, toolmaking, railway transportation, wind energy, medical technology and aviation, benefit from the state-of-the-art and resource-saving production processes provided by the HÄRTHA GROUP. The investment follows HÄRTHA’s clearly laid-out strategy for growth in attractive industrial regions of Europe. Thanks to the expansive scope of their activities, Donau-Härtere

GmbH will henceforth make a direct contribution to the advancement of the HÄRTHA Group.

In this transaction, the attorneys of the ARQIS law firm acted as legal advisers to the HÄRTHA GROUP, while PwC financial services served as financial advisers and tax consultants.

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Earlier this week we mentioned the unfortunate passing of one of the most experienced “chain” heat treat engineers we have ever met, Dr. Troy Greene. This obituary provides details of a gathering to remember Troy.

“Dr. Troy A. Greene, age 56, of Dixon, died Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Loyola Medical Center. Troy was born March 4, 1968 in Detroit, MI, the son of Ben and Iva Jean (Robbins) Greene. He was employed at Reynold for 30 years and later at Allied Locke in Dixon for 5 years. Troy enjoyed gardening and landscaping.

He is survived by his daughters, Faith (Alex) Smith of Morrison and Hope Greene of TN; his mother, Iva Jean Greene of Arthur, TN; one sister, Kay (Dennis) Miracle of Arthur, TN; one brother, Kevin (Darlene) Greene of Arthur, TN; and his dog, Poppy. He was preceded in death by his father and his first wife, Paula.



A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the McDonald Funeral Home in Rock Falls.”