

## Perpetua Acquires Majority Stake in epis Automation

Perpetua Holding is pleased to announce that it has acquired a majority stake in epis Automation – a German-based provider of industrial electronics. epis develops and produces customized hardware and software solutions in the form of electronic assemblies for serial machine and equipment manufacturers. The company is based in Albstadt (Baden-Württemberg, Germany) and employs around 100 people with expected revenues of around €30 million this year.

epis was founded in Albstadt in 1970 and has been active in the automation industry for over 50 years. After initially specializing in control technology for textile machines, the company today serves customers in intralogistics, assembly technology, the wood industry, and laboratory, measuring and testing technology, among other sectors. Through organic growth, epis has developed into a sought-after industrial electronics provider. In this regard, epis supports its customers not only in the production process, but offers the whole range from consulting, design and development of component groups to after-sales service. epis provides its customers an industry-specific technology toolbox that enables individual industrial electronics solutions for machine and device series with state-of-the-art production technology and service modules.

Since 2016, Martin Seidenfuss has been acting as managing director and CEO of epis. Under his leadership, the company underwent a strategic shift and has since focused on customized customer and industry-specific solutions. Martin Seidenfuss will remain in his position and drive the company's growth in the future.

Perpetua Holding has taken over the shareholding from Hamburg-based investment firm BPE, which had solved the succession of the original family entrepreneurs together with Mr. Martin Seidenfuss in the form of a management buy-in. As a long-term partner, Perpetua acquired 90% of the shares and will support the management of epis Automation in strategic matters as well as invest in the growth of the company. At the same time, Perpetua Holding stands for continuity and solid financing.

Martin Seidenfuss, shareholder and CEO of epis, says: *"We are very pleased to have found a long-term partner in Perpetua who will support us on our growth path. Together we will strengthen our market position, expand the quality and range of our product and service offering and thus be the best possible partner for our customers."*

Dr. Gerrit Karalus, Managing Director of Perpetua Holding, adds: *"epis is an ideal addition to our investment portfolio. Besides the fit with our new partner Martin Seidenfuss, the products as well as the future prospects of epis convinced us to enter into this shareholding. The company's existing growth strategy is based on today's automation and digitalization trends. The success of epis results from long-term relationships with its customers, as a machine series can be on the market for many years. Being a long-term investor, Perpetua is therefore the ideal shareholder for the company."*



## Perpetua as a Long-Term Partner for Medium-Sized Companies

Perpetua Holding invests in established medium-sized companies in Europe on a long-term basis. The Berlin based holding invests the capital of international investors with an entrepreneurial background. Annually, up to 100 million euros are available for investments in a growing portfolio of companies. Perpetua follows professional management practices, applying appropriate financing structures that enable companies to implement their success strategies.

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