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## Press Release

### **goetzpartners advised Mid Europa Partners and Wheelabrator/DISA on the sale of European heavy duty wheelblast assets**

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Wheelabrator/DISA Group, owned by Mid Europa Partners, completed the sale of its three subsidiaries Berger Strahltechnik GmbH, WG Technology S.r.l. (Italy), and V+S Vogel & Schemmann Maschinen GmbH, (a shot blast operation of DISA Industrieanlagen GmbH) to CER Europe Holdings LLC. CER Europe Holdings, a portfolio company of US-based private equity firm Atlas Holdings LLC, is the holding company of US blast equipment vendor Pangborn Corporation. The value of the transaction was not disclosed.

With almost 2,000 wheelblast machines installed globally, the three entities form one of the leading providers of heavy duty wheelblast applications, primarily to the foundry, forge and automotive industries. The sale of the three companies was mandated by the German Federal Cartel Office (FCO) in August 2008.

goetzpartners CORPORATE FINANCE acted as exclusive financial advisor to Mid Europa Partners and to Wheelabrator Group in this transaction.

#### **About Mid Europa Partners ([www.mideuropa.com](http://www.mideuropa.com)):**

Mid Europa Partners is a leading independent private equity investment firm focused on Central and Eastern Europe with approximately €3.2 billion of assets under management. The team operates from offices in Budapest, London and Warsaw.

#### **About Wheelabrator/DISA ([www.wheelabratorgroup.com](http://www.wheelabratorgroup.com)):**

Wheelabrator is the world's largest provider of surface preparation and finishing equipment. It offers a complete range of machine solutions and aftermarket products and services, including spare parts, equipment maintenance and repair services, as well as technical assistance and training.

DISA develops and manufactures a complete range of ferrous and non-ferrous metal casting production solutions (vertical and horizontal moulding equipment and sand technology) and metal surface finishing solutions (shot blast), which are sold to the global foundry and metal working industries. Furthermore, DISA India offers equipment for air pollution control (filters).

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