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New chapter in the company's history:

M. Schaerer Ltd. transfers its headquarters to Zuchwil SO

Moosseedorf, 30 January 2008 – **To safeguard its long-term growth opportunities, M. Schaerer Ltd., the leading Swiss manufacturer of fully automatic coffee making machines for the catering trades, will be transferring its headquarters and production site from Moosseedorf to Zuchwil near Solothurn at the end of 2008. All the staff will continue to be employed at the new site.**

For many years, M. Schaerer Ltd. has been reporting rising domestic and foreign sales of its innovative fully automatic coffee making machines manufactured to a high standard of precision. The capacities at the present production site and headquarters at Moosseedorf near Bern are therefore already being heavily used; only limited expansion would be possible here and would involve complex structural changes. To safeguard long-term growth opportunities with optimised processes and overheads, a move to a different site has therefore become unavoidable. After careful evaluation of a number of possibilities, the company has now decided in favour of a building on the Sultex site at Zuchwil near Solothurn.

The removal is due for completion by the end of 2008. M. Schaerer Ltd. wishes to continue to employ its workforce of around 250 persons in Zuchwil. 160 of them work directly at the present site in Moosseedorf. The future site is readily accessible by public transport and also by private car and truck.

The Zuchwil site satisfies all the requirements for the creation of ideal production conditions. The available spare space also leaves room for further long-term growth. "We are happy to have found a new home in the Espace Mittelland which meets our needs in every respect," Peter Althaus, CEO of M. Schaerer Ltd., commented. "The efficiency gains achievable in Zuchwil will enable us to focus more intensively on further development of our position on the export market and in Switzerland", he added.

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M. Schaerer Ltd. was founded in 1892. Working in a conglomerate with the German WMF AG company, it is now the world leader in fully automatic coffee making machines for the catering trades. It offers the most comprehensive product portfolio of all coffee machine manufacturers and is the only company to have its own service network throughout Switzerland. It has a global presence with three subsidiary companies in the USA, Germany and Belgium and partners on every continent. M. Schaerer Ltd. with its headquarters in Moosseedorf near Bern employs around 250 persons.

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