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## **Acquisition of Argor-Heraeus successfully completed**

The acquisition of Argor-Heraeus by Global Business Unit Heraeus Precious Metals (HPM), a member of the Heraeus technological group, has been successfully completed. As part of the operation, announced in April, Heraeus, already joint owner of Argor since 1986, purchases the shares of previous shareholders including Commerzbank and Austrian mint, becoming sole owner and, in fact, the largest provider at global level in the precious metal industry.

The managements of both companies have expressed their great satisfaction with the transaction, in effect since 13 July 2017. In this sense, Christoph Wild, Co-CEO of Argor-Heraeus, stated that Heraeus most definitely represents a solid, responsible and competent partner and that the synergies produced by the strengthened partnership relations will enable the company to successfully pursue its growth. At the same time, Jan Rinnert, CEO and President of Heraeus Holding said how pleased he was to be able to strengthen the relationship of confidence which has existed between the two companies for many years and thereby provide clients with the services of both companies in a complementary way.

### **For more details**

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**About Argor-Heraeus.** Argor-Heraeus Group, founded in 1951, is one of the world's largest processors of precious metals. Through its headquarters in Mendrisio (Canton Ticino, Switzerland) and the international branches in Germany, Italy and Chile, Argor-Heraeus refines gold, silver, platinum and palladium, transforms finished and semi-finished products for the banking, electronics, chemical, watch, and jewellery industries, and provides support services for precious metals trading. The Group's main objectives have always been the creation of added value, innovation and compliance along the entire value chain, from the mine to the consumer, in favor of all stakeholders involved. [www.argor.com](http://www.argor.com)

**About Heraeus:** Heraeus, the technology group headquartered in Hanau, Germany, is a leading international family-owned company formed in 1851. With expertise, a focus on innovations, operational excellence and an entrepreneurial leadership, Heraeus strives to continuously improve the businesses of their customers around the world. Heraeus creates high-quality solutions for their customers and strengthens their long-term competitiveness by combining material expertise with technological know-how. The ideas are focused on important issues such as the environment, energy, health, mobility and industrial applications. The portfolio ranges from components to coordinated material systems which are used in a wide variety of industries, including the steel, electronics, chemical, automotive and telecommunications industries. [www.heraeus.com](http://www.heraeus.com)