

# Media Release

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## **Georg Fischer to strengthen its position in the micro-electronics piping systems business**

### **Acquisition of the 50% share of Simona AG in Georg Fischer SIMONA Fluoropolymer Products GmbH, Ettenheim**

As per January 1, 2008 GF Piping Systems has taken over the 50% share of Simona AG in their common Joint Venture Georg Fischer SIMONA Fluoropolymer Products GmbH in Ettenheim (Germany). This will allow GF Piping Systems to strengthen its position in the microelectronics piping systems business. Parties have agreed not to disclose the details of the transaction.

This Joint Venture established in 2002 by Simona and Georg Fischer runs one of the most sophisticated clean room production sites in the world specializing in high-purity piping systems for use in semiconductor and photo-voltaic manufacturing plants.

Independently from the Joint Venture, GF Piping Systems and Simona AG will continue to supply each other with specific piping systems components.

#### **Corporate Profile Georg Fischer - "Adding Quality to People's Lives"**

Georg Fischer is focused on its three core businesses GF Automotive, GF Piping Systems and GF AgieCharmilles. Founded in 1802, the company is headquartered in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, and has over 140 locations worldwide including 50 production facilities. With some 12,000 employees, it generated annual sales of 4.05 billion Swiss francs in 2006. The Corporation makes a direct contribution to the quality of life: Mobility, comfort and precision are key market requirements that we satisfy with our products and services. You'll find further information under [www.georgfischer.com](http://www.georgfischer.com).

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