

## **Gurit and Hawart to cooperate in mould and transport systems manufacturing for wind rotor blades**

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**Gurit (SIX Swiss Exchange: GUR) and HAWART Sondermaschinenbau GmbH have agreed to closely cooperate in the areas of mould and transport systems production for wind energy rotor blades to leverage the strengths of both companies to benefit their global customer base. The cooperation does not involve any cross capital engagements.**

As the leading independent manufacturer of wind turbine rotor blade moulds, Gurit has a fully integrated industrial production site in Taicang/China. The moulds are marketed globally.

HAWART Sondermaschinenbau GmbH has its production site at Ganderkesee, near Bremen/Germany and is a leading tooling frame and component manufacturer, also offering transport systems for rotor blades and tower segments.

The two companies have agreed to partner without any capital engagement. In Europe, Gurit customers get access to a local and highly qualified installation and service organization for moulds. Additionally, they will benefit from the global availability of the HAWART transport systems. HAWART customers benefit through the cooperation from the fully integrated, industrial mould making capability of Gurit and the option to mass produce transport systems in the future.

Starting now, customers can choose between Gurit or HAWART hinge systems which technically complement one other.





“HAWART Sondermaschinenbau GmbH is an important partner for us to strengthen our presence in Europe and increase our global offering,” said Dag Kirschke, Sales Manager Europe Gurit Tooling. „Together, we can use the respective strengths of the two organizations more effectively to offer our customers more attractive products and systems in terms of quality, production time and cost“, added Bing Chen, General Manager Gurit Tooling (Red Maple).

„Through the cooperation with Gurit Tooling we leverage the potential for synergies in the development and manufacturing of customer specific solutions. HAWART will be able to expand its market position with optimized products, especially in the global wind energy market“, says Dipl.-Ing. Willy B. Körner, Geschäftsführer, HAWART Sondermaschinenbau GmbH.

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**On Gurit:** The companies of Gurit Holding AG, Wattwil/Switzerland, (SIX Swiss Ex-change: GUR) are specialised on the development and manufacture of advanced composite materials and related technologies featuring bespoke physical and chemical characteristics. The comprehensive product range comprises fibre reinforced prepregs, structural core products (man-made materials and balsa wood), gel coats, adhesives, resins and consumables as well as certain finished parts. Gurit supplies growth markets in Wind Energy, Tooling, Transportation, Marine, and Engineered Structures. The international Group has production sites and offices in Switzerland, Germany, the UK, Canada, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Ecuador, Brazil, India and China.

**On HAWART:** The company was founded in Bremen, Germany, in 1987. In 1988 the new plant was inaugurated in the industrial zone of Ganderkesee. HAWART is mainly active in the development, design, manufacturing and set-up of tooling equipment for rotor blades and logistic components and systems. HAWART develops customer-specific solutions and concepts for a global customer base.

