

PRESS RELEASE

Welcome Lufft to OTT Hydromet and Hach Environmental

Kempten (Germany), January 2016. OTT Hydromet, manufacturer of professional measuring technology for hydrology and meteorology, has acquired G. Lufft Mess- und Regeltechnik, one of the leading manufacturers for environmental measuring technology. With the acquisition of Lufft and the recent acquisition of Sutron Corporation in 2015, OTT Hydromet continues to grow as a premier provider of advanced meteorological solutions.

“We are excited that Lufft has joined the Hydromet business.“, said **Dr. Anton Felder**, President and Managing Director of the OTT Hydromet/Sutron business.“ Together, OTT, Sutron and Lufft will offer customers a greater ability to measure the meteorological and hydrological parameters that are critical to understanding our global environment.”

Lufft will become a part of Hach Environmental, a group of companies, including OTT Hydromet, Sutron Corporation and Sea-Bird Scientific, that serves customers with high quality, reliable instruments focused on environmental monitoring solutions for natural resource and oceanographic applications. The addition of Lufft to the group is expected to provide core technologies in a wide range of meteorological instruments, like precipitation, cloud height or wind sensors, that have high accuracy and low maintenance requirements.

Lufft’s Chief Executive Officer, **Klaus Hirzel**, said “Lufft management believes that it was the right time to become part of a group of excellent companies in a global network. This will make Lufft even stronger and will give us a real global reach. The environmental community worldwide is looking for sustainable solutions which require excellent sensing technologies. This is Lufft’s mission statement. Being part of Hach Environmental offers us the long-term

ownership structure we need to provide the best benefits to our customers, employees and shareholders."

Glenn Cruger, President of Hach Environmental added: "We are pleased to have Lufft join the Hach Environmental group of companies. "Lufft has a solid reputation as the leading innovator in meteorology sensors and solutions. Lufft's best-in-class products are a great fit with our other leading brands."

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About OTT Hydromet GmbH:

The globally operating OTT Hydromet Group can look back on a more than 140-year history with its headquarters in Kempten in Germany. It is the leading provider in Europe of complete hydrometric systems for hydrological and meteorological tasks. Its subsidiaries and agencies in more than 90 countries all over the world supply effective solutions in hydrometrics, meteorology and environmental technology.

Proudly formed from three separate companies (OTT, Hydrolab, and Adcon Telemetry), OTT Hydromet offers the combined strength and expertise of leaders in the water quality, quantity, data management and telemetry fields

About G. Lufft Mess- und Regeltechnik GmbH:

Since its founding by Gotthilf Lufft in 1881, G. Lufft GmbH has been the leader in the production of climatological measuring equipment – always with the motto "tradition meets innovation". Lufft's capacity for innovation and precision has helped its products establish the solid reputation they enjoy around the world. The company's products can be found in use wherever variables such as air pressure, temperature, relative humidity and other environmental factors need to be measured. Together with its subsidiaries in the U.S. and in China, the company has 100 employees. In November 2012, G. Lufft GmbH was awarded the German Standards Brand Prize and was named a "Brand of the Century." More information at: www.lufft.com.

About Hach Environmental:

The Hach Environmental group of companies provides advanced water measurement technologies used in oceanography, hydrology, and meteorology, along with world class sales and service support: www.hach.com.