



Media release
Heerbrugg, 16 December 2015

Investments in growth markets realized

SFS has completed substantial investments in its production assets in China and Turkey. These investments will help to realize growth projects and improve performance.

The existing building complex in Torbali, Turkey was expanded in the summer by adding a closed production area of about 6,200 m². In addition to this building, extensive renovation work was performed in the existing production area. The plant in Torbali makes products for local and international construction and electronics companies. When operating at full capacity, some 400 people will be employed at the plant, which is double the current number. These investments significantly increase both the capacity and the range of production capabilities that this highly competitive site offers, setting the stage for productivity gains.

SFS also made substantial investments at its site in Tianjin, China. In autumn 2015, after eight months of construction, the second factory for the Sunil SFS intec joint venture was officially inaugurated. This new production plant, which makes precision cold formed parts for Chinese and Western customers in the auto industry, has a production area of 15,000 m². It can be expanded by an additional 14,000 m² at a later date. A three-story office tract is situated in front of the production area.

SFS has a manufacturing platform that spans the globe and allows it to serve its customers as a local supplier and quickly address their needs. High local demand is fueling fast growth at the sites in Turkey and China. Thanks to these substantial investments, the range of production capabilities and the available production capacity were significantly expanded. These expansions facilitate the realization of growth projects that will further strengthen SFS's market position.

About SFS Group

SFS Group is organised into three business segments Engineered Components, Fastening Systems und Distribution & Logistics which represent the three business models. In the **Engineered Components** segment, SFS partners with customers to develop and manufacture customer-specific precision formed components, fastening solutions and assemblies. The segment operates in the Automotive, Electronics and Industrial divisions and sells its products under the SFS intec and Unisteel brands. In the **Fastening Systems** segment, consisting of the Construction and the Riveting divisions, SFS develops, manufactures and markets application-specific mechanical fastening systems under the SFS intec (Construction) and GESIPA (Riveting) brands. In the **Distribution & Logistics** segment with the SFS unimarket brand, SFS is a leading provider of fasteners, tools and architectural hardware as well as innovative logistics solutions in Switzerland. SFS Group is a global player with manufacturing sites and distribution companies at 72 locations in 24 countries around the world. Sales in business year 2014 amounted to CHF 1.383 bn and the work force numbered approximately 8,300.

For further information visit www.sfs.biz



For media inquiries, please contact:

SFS Group AG
Claude Stadler
Rosenbergsaustasse 8
CH-9435 Heerbrugg

Direct: +41 71 727 51 85
e-mail: corporate.communications@sfs.biz