



PRESS RELEASE

DORMA OPENS R&D CENTRE AND ANNOUNCES EXPANSION PLANS FOR SINGAPORE

- *The company's first Research & Development Centre in the Asia-Pacific and Australia Area.*
- *Designed to enhance DORMA's leadership and brand position in access solutions.*
- *Investment of S\$10m in next four years in Jurong plant and logistics facilities.*
- *Creation of approximately 150 new jobs in Singapore planned.*

Singapore, 10 November 2011 - DORMA, the world leader in door controls, movable walls, glass fittings and accessories, today announced the opening of its new R&D Centre in Singapore. The Centre, located at its Jurong facility, is the Group's first in the Asia-Pacific and Australia Area (APA), responsible for the research and development of DORMA's products and solutions.

The new R&D Centre in Singapore will be part of the Group's network of five R&D Centres worldwide, together with two Centres in Germany, one in India and one in America. The Singapore facility will focus primarily on developing products and solutions for emerging markets in the APA region with a strong emphasis on hydraulic door closers, locksets, access control systems, glass fittings and automatic doors, among others.

Thomas Wagner, DORMA CEO, said: "DORMA is evolving from a pure product supplier into a value-add integrated premium access solutions and services provider. To exploit growth opportunities worldwide, the DORMA Group undertook a comprehensive strategic overview of our global business activities and realigned them into five sales regions. The setting up of the R&D Centre in Singapore is an integral part of our new business strategy. With it, we can react more flexibly to market conditions and enhance our global competitiveness."



DORMA has been in Singapore for more than 30 years and has long been a dominant player and a major contributor towards the Group's growth in this region. Mr Dieter Sichelschmidt, Area President, Area APA, designation, said: "The 29% increase in sales in the APA region for financial year 2010/2011 affirms our strategy. We are confident that the new R&D Centre in Singapore will play a crucial role in enhancing the company's leadership and brand position in access solutions (control systems) in the APA region and globally. It will enable us to better meet our clients' discerning demands and keep abreast of the dynamic technological landscape."

Over the next four years, DORMA will invest a further S\$10 million in its Singapore plant and logistics facilities. This is part of its strategic realignment initiative to support projected exponential growth of DORMA in conjunction with the Group's "DORMA 2020" growth programme which seeks to increase sales to € 2 billion and boost its workforce to 10,000 employees worldwide by 2020. The APA region is expected to contribute significantly to this expansion and growth.

"DORMA's decision to locate its first R&D Centre in Asia-Pacific and Australia area in Singapore illustrates how companies leverage on Singapore to tap on the emerging markets in the region. We welcome DORMA's expansion of its activities in Singapore which will significantly strengthen its Asian market leadership." –Mr. Chang Chin Nam, Director of Precision Engineering of EDB

DORMA currently employs 400 people at its two facilities located in Jurong Industrial Estate at Jalan Terusan and Gul Lane. The company has a major manufacturing facility at the Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park, established in 1998.

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About The DORMA Group

DORMA is the trusted global partner for premium access solutions & services enabling better buildings. With more than 100 years of tradition behind it, DORMA has developed into the world market leader in door controls, movable walls and glass fittings and accessories. In the automatics segment too, the company is a member of the world elite. DORMA is also a successful player in the security; time management and access control segment and the number one in Germany for emergency exit control and escape route security systems.

DORMA maintains major production plants in Europe, Singapore, Malaysia, China and North and South America. With an international workforce of around 6,600 employees, the Group realised sales of €944 million in fiscal 2010/11 (June 30). The DORMA Group headquartered in Ennepetal, Germany, operates on an international scale with 71 wholly-owned companies in 49 different countries.

About DORMA Far East Pte Ltd

The Regional Headquarters for DORMA's operations in the Far East is located in Singapore. DORMA's Far East commenced operations in 1979 with the setting up of a door closer manufacturing facility in Singapore. The Far East Region is currently one of DORMA's most successful regions in the world. DORMA has four manufacturing facilities and eight sales offices and employs approximately 550 people in the region. A full range of products and services are offered throughout the Far East Region through DORMA's own team of qualified sales and technical professionals and a strong network of specialist distributors.

Visit www.dorma.com for more information on the company and its product solutions.

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