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Argor-Heraeus grows with an investment of 30 million francs

Argor-Heraeus, one of the world's leading precious metal processors and dealers, inaugurated its new production site today, Friday 24 May 2013, celebrating this important occasion with its business partners and local authorities. The site is the expression of the Company's strong entrepreneurial spirit and acknowledges that its link to the territory is the base for its sustainable growth.

With the commissioning of its new facility, Argor-Heraeus, already one of the world's largest precious metal processors, is now the principal supplier of semi-finished components for the watch industry. In slightly less than two years, this significant project has added a new chapter to the Company's history: Argor SA was founded in the 1950s in Chiasso (a Swiss city near the Italian border), and 25 years ago opened its headquarters in Mendrisio, located in the centre of the so-called "golden triangle" of Canton Ticino, where it is estimated that over one third of the world's gold is refined.

The new structure features modern processes and advanced technologies that meet environmental sustainability standards, saving energy and water. In addition, one of Ticino's largest photovoltaic systems is installed on the roof, an investment of almost 800 thousand francs producing zero emission energy. The headquarters expansion has had positive effects on the regional economy largely due to the use of local suppliers, who received over 90% of the 30 million francs of the total investment.

In the words of Jürgen Heraeus, Chairman of the Board, this milestone confirms the will of the Company's shareholders and management to strengthen the role of the Mendrisio headquarters as the competence centre and engine for the Group's international growth.

A look at the past, present and future of a Company that is able to unite the demands of global markets with a sense of responsibility to the territory and clearly illustrated in the new edition of its Sustainability Report, delivered to everyone at the ceremony and published on the Company's website.

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