



Press release from Getinge Industrier

Acquisition of Maquet approved by the German competition authorities

The acquisition of the shares of the German group Maquet AG, a subsidiary of RWE AG (Rheinisch Westfälisches Elektrizitätswerk) which was announced by Getinge on 17 November 2000, was conditional upon approval by the German competition authorities and formal approval by RWE's board of directors.

Today Getinge Industrier announces that the acquisition has been approved both by the Federal Cartel Office (Bundeskartellamt) and the board of directors of RWE. The two conditions for the acquisition have thus been fulfilled.

Maquet is the world leader in surgical tables with a 30% share of the world market and with a well established brand name, synonymous with innovative strength and quality for more than a century. Maquet will make up the foundation of Getinge's new business area **Surgical Systems**.

Getinge, 12 December 2000
Johan Malmquist
President and CEO

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is a medical-technical Group and a world leader in the fields of health care, the pharmaceutical industry and laboratories, as well as hygiene, lifting and antidecubitus systems for hospitals and extended care. In 1999, before the acquisition of the shares of Maquet, the Getinge Group had sales of SEK 4.885 million and 3,800 employees.