

Media Release

Ideal complement

Buhler has acquired the Dispersion and Wet Micromilling unit of Draiswerke Mannheim. This step enables the Group to further expand its line of plant and equipment for printing inks, coatings, and specialty chemicals.

Drais^{DM} is the name of the new Buhler center of competence for dispersion and wet micromilling technology in Mannheim, Germany. Legally, Drais^{DM} is a branch of Bühler GmbH Braunschweig. Its operations are an ideal complement to the activities of the Buhler Grinding & Dispersion business unit. Whereas Buhler provides competencies in engineering and automation with a focus on printing inks, Drais^{DM} can boast traditional strengths in the coatings and chemicals business. Both are specialists in their respective fields of process engineering.

In the areas of specialties, ceramics, electronics, cosmetics, pigment preparations, inkjet inks, paper coatings, and nanotechnology, Buhler and Drais^{DM} together offer an attractive range of special-purpose equipment tailored to the needs of the relevant industries. This range comprises products especially suited for fast product changes, high cooling efficiency, freedom from contamination, and easy manageability.

Thirty qualified employees of Drais^{DM} continue to offer their know-how in micromilling technology and size reduction to customers from their base in Mannheim. What is new is the international sales and service organization of Buhler that complements these services. Buhler and Drais^{DM} each operate an engineering laboratory in Uzwil, Mannheim, Minneapolis, and Yokohama. This ensures that they are always close to their customers.

Buhler is a global Technology Group and System Partner for plant and equipment and for process expertise in the fields of Food Processing, Chemical Engineering, and Die Casting, with a worldwide payroll of about 6,100.



The merging of Bühler and Drais expands their total range of products and services and ensures competent, cost-reducing on-site service. The photograph shows the ceramic rotor of a bead mill, taken at the Bühler stand at the Achema 2003 trade show.

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