



Press Release

Sandvik acquires medical instrumentation production plant

Sandvik Materials Technology has entered an agreement with the American company Medtronic Inc. concerning the acquisition of a manufacturing plant that specializes in medical instruments for spinal surgery. The plant is located in Memphis, Tennessee, in the US, and the acquisition is expected to be concluded during the first quarter of 2008.

The Memphis plant, which is a leading manufacturer of medical instruments for spinal surgery, complements Sandvik's existing expertise and product offering within the medical area. Sandvik will continue to supply Medtronic as part of a long-term supply agreement.

Sales amount to approximately SEK 140 M (USD 18 M) and the number of employees totals 110.

Through the acquisition, Sandvik further strengthens its position in the strategically important and rapidly expanding medical segment.

"The acquisition is in line with our long-term ambition to be a strategic partner within the medical area and a complete supplier to globally leading medical technology companies. Through the acquisition of Medtronic's Memphis plant, we extend both expertise and capacity in the field of spinal surgery, which complements our offering within the medical area," says Peter Gossas, President of Sandvik Materials Technology.

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Sandvik is a global industrial group with advanced products and world-leading positions in selected areas – tools for metal cutting, machinery and tools for rock excavation, stainless materials, special alloys, metallic and ceramic resistance materials as well as process systems. The Group had at the end of 2006 about 42,000 employees and representation in 130 countries, with annual sales of more than SEK 72,000 M.

Sandvik Materials Technology is a business area within the Sandvik Group and a world-leading manufacturer of high value-added products in advanced stainless materials, special alloys, metallic and ceramic resistance materials, as well as process plants. Annual sales 2006 were about SEK 19,300 M with 8,600 employees. The product areas comprises Tube, Strip, Wire, Kanthal, Process Systems and Sandvik MedTech.

Medtronic Inc. is a leading OEM within medical devices, with a turnover of 85 BSEK, and the largest within the spinal market. Medtronic has a wide range of products and therapies with emphasis on providing a complete continuum of care to diagnose, prevent and monitor chronic conditions.

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