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The merger between Enics and GPV to create a European electronics giant completed

The merger of two strong European-based electronics manufacturing services providers, Enics and GPV, was completed today. The merger will create a strong international electronics group with 7,500 employees and revenue close to one billion euros.

The new company continues with the earlier ownership of GPV and Enics. The Danish industrial conglomerate Schouw & Co. will hold 80% of the merged entity and Ahlström Capital Group will hold 20%. Additionally, as a result of the transaction, Ahlström Capital received more than EUR 70 million in cash.

The name of the merged company is GPV Group A/S, and Bo Lybæk heads the industrial group as CEO. Elke Eckstein will step down as CEO for Enics and be available as Integration Advisor to the CEO until the end of January 2023.

"Ahlström Capital has been an anchor owner of Enics for more than 15 years. Our strategy is to actively develop our portfolio companies and we believe this merger creates a more competitive business with a broad service offering and strong global presence. This merger is benefitting the customers, employees and shareholders of both companies. Ahlström Capital is committed to support the future value creation of the merged enterprise. I would like to thank Elke Eckstein and her team for the valuable efforts at Enics and wish the new leadership success in the profitable growth journey ahead", comments **Lasse Heinonen**, President and CEO of Ahlström Capital

"GPV and Enics are a very strong match, and I am pleased that the merger is now a reality. I believe that our combined strengths will make us an attractive partner to our customers in a fast-changing marketplace. We look forward to implementing the merger plan we have developed together with our new colleagues from Enics, and we execute with humbleness. We know that the merger will be a big task, but we expect it to be a great success. I thank Elke for the trust she has placed in me by passing on the baton for Enics, and I look forward to meeting and bringing together all the many dedicated people in the new merged company," says Bo Lybæk, CEO of GPV.

The two companies complement each other very well in a wide range of areas. Together, the merged company is focused on electronics manufacturing with a strong and recognized operational setup, well-developed design & engineering capabilities, and business within test systems, comprised with in-house mechanics and cable-harness manufacturing. The merged company has a strong focus on industrial electronics, box-build mechatronics products and turnkey products.

“Enics and GPV are merging into a new company that has the best service offering in the EMS market, following the strategic growth path of both companies. This is an achievement that is based on the continuous hard work and service and electronics knowhow of our people – this work now pays off as the best possible outcome: With this merger, we’re building the future for our people and the entire EMS industry. We have reached the best possible scenario for both Enics and GPV, and I am convinced that success will crown this new company. Therefore, I am happy to pass on the leadership to Bo,” says Enics' CEO Elke Eckstein.

The new company has a total of 7,500 employees and 19 factories worldwide located Denmark, Switzerland, Finland, Slovakia, Estonia, Sweden, Austria, Germany, Thailand, China, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Mexico.

Both companies bring high demands and full order books into the merger, and the merged company has strong growth ambitions for the coming years.

“We aim to grow our sales to about DKK 10 billion by 2026, but we also recognize the challenging business environment which could shortly be the reality. We are now embarking on an exciting growth journey and, very importantly, we aim for it to be a profitable growth journey. After the merger, we will be even stronger, and this supports our expectations for the future,” says Bo Lybæk.

About the New GPV

GPV was founded in Denmark in 1961 and is today one of Europe’s leading electronics manufacturers. GPV is a customer-driven EMS (Electronics Manufacturing Services) partner providing complex electronics, cable-harness, mechatronics, and box-build solutions including ODM design & engineering as well as test development activities to customers across the high-mix EMS value chain. In June 2022, the owners of GPV and Enics signed a deal to merge the two companies and the agreement was closed on 3 October 2022. Headquartered in Denmark, the new electronics group will be second largest European headquartered EMS company with production facilities in Denmark, Switzerland, Finland, Slovakia, Estonia, Sweden, Austria, Germany, Thailand, China, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Mexico. The new company will generate annual revenue of more than DKK 7 billion and have more than 7,500 employees. The new company will be owned by the Danish industrial conglomerate Schouw & Co. (80%) and the family-owned Finnish Ahlström Capital Group (20%). Learn more at gpv-group.com.