

## Press release

91 new customers for the Rapid Prototyping specialists from Freiberg

# **With 33.5 million Euro in turnover, ACTech establishes a record**

**Freiberg, April 1, 2009 +++ The ACTech GmbH, a leading engineering firm and producer of casting prototypes headquartered in Freiberg/Saxony ([www.actech.de](http://www.actech.de)), acquired almost 100 new customers in the business year 2008. Thus, the company earned 33.5 million Euro, a new record in turnover. Turnover for the Rapid Prototyping specialist was 26 percent higher than last year and 36 percent higher than two years ago. Personnel also grew in 2008 – from 282 to 337 employees. ACTech GmbH registered its greatest growth in turnover among automotive manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as in general industry: in both cases, ACTech's turnover was 39 percent greater than in 2007. "Recently even non-automotive businesses have recognised the enormous benefit of saving time and money by using a combination of various Rapid Prototyping technologies in lieu of traditional methods", Ray Wünsche, managing director of the ACTech GmbH, explained. In recent years, the industrial firms' demand for individual small batch production and casting prototypes has grown steadily.**

Another highlight of the past business year is that ACTech GmbH, which was founded in 1995, took pride in producing its 30,000th casting. In the past 14 years, the Rapid Prototyping expert has produced over 13,000 different prototypes involving almost 110,000 castings altogether for more than 900 customers. At the same time, firms from 33 countries have benefited from the expertise of the Freiberg engineers, who are able to manufacture highly complex castings with outstanding material characteristics in a rapid and low- cost manner. In addition to the automotive industry and machine and equipment manufacturers, companies in the aeronautical and aircraft industries are among ACTech's customers. To further enhance its product spectrum, ACTech GmbH made approximately 8 million Euro' worth of investments last year: The Rapid Prototyping specialist brought a new investment casting foundry into operation and began the construction of a new manufacturing plant for machining.

## **About ACTech GmbH**

ACTech GmbH, headquartered in Freiberg/Saxony, is a leading service provider and supplier in the fields of casting engineering and manufacturing of prototypes (prototyping). The foundation of the enterprise in 1995 was based on the development of a technique for the rapid manufacturing of sand casting moulds and the laser sintering of Croning moulding material. This method was also patented worldwide. By combining various Rapid Prototyping techniques, ACTech was able to achieve a reduction in time and costs of up to 80 percent in comparison with traditional methods. In addition to the development and manufacturing of prototypes, ACTech's expertise lies in high-quality pre- and small batch production, as well as in product and technological design. Equipped with state-of-the-art CAD systems, 3D surveying, its own foundry laboratory, test facilities and CNC machining centres, ACTech provides all the conditions necessary to implement customised solutions – from the initial concept in product engineering all the way to series production. Thus, about 15,000 ready-to install casting prototypes with near-series parameters are produced in the manufacturing plant.

At present, ACTech can look back on a history of manufacturing the widest possible variety of prototype projects for more than 900 international customers. Among ACTech's current customers, enterprises from the automotive and aircraft industries, as well as machine and equipment manufacturers are particularly well presented. With about 330 employees, almost 40 percent of them engineers, ACTech achieved a turnover of 33.5 million Euro in 2008.

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