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SCHIEBEL COMPOSITES – PRECISION UND QUALITY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

Wiener Neustadt, April 8, 2010 – The Schiebel company, world market leader in mine detection equipment and, with the CAMCOPTER® S-100, an internationally leading manufacturer of unmanned helicopter drones, gains foothold in another high tech area. Only recently has **Schiebel Composites**, a department within the Schiebel Group and the new main pillar, moved on to the next level. Schiebel's carbon fiber department was set up in 2004 in the course of the S-100 development. Today, Schiebel Composites is ready to serve other firms with this technology.

In the past 5 years, the department has grown from a one-man-show in the Viennese headquarters to a 40-man division with production sites in Wiener Neustadt und Abu Dhabi.

With the lessons learned from this experience, **Schiebel Composites** has recently started to offer its full services to external high-tech customers. "We are reacting to the increasing demand. It was about time to pass our perfected know-how, which we gained due to the high demands of the aviation industry, on to other customers and supply them with high-quality carbon fiber technology," says Hans Georg Schiebel, chairman of the Schiebel Group.

State-of-the-art production equipment, starting with fully air-conditioned clean rooms to cutters, autoclaves and annealing furnaces, offers a nearly unlimited range of production technologies. Our core competence includes everything that composite materials (such as carbon fiber, glass fiber, aramid fiber and various core materials like Honeycombs, Rohacell, etc.) and their applications have to offer. From design to components layout and construction, tool crafting, prototyping, function test up to serial components, the customer is offered a wide range of services. Depending on the customer requirements, **Schiebel Composites** selects the material best suited with its associated technology. "We continuously aim at exploring application limits and, if possible and efficient, at exceeding them," explains Carsten Gäbler, Head of Composite Development and Production.

Applications in extreme service temperatures, such as engine components and exhaust systems, as well as for conductivity, such as antennas and wave guides, but also for electromagnetic shielding are just some of the many lightweight construction possibilities. Areas of operation are therefore mainly in high-tech fields like aviation, telecommunications and racing.

About Schiebel:

Founded in 1951, the Vienna-based Schiebel Group of companies focuses on the development, testing and production of state-of-the-art mine detection equipment and the acclaimed CAMCOPTER® S-100 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle System. Schiebel has built an international reputation for producing quality defense and humanitarian products, which are backed by exceptional after-sales service and support. All products are quality-controlled to meet ISO 9001 standards. With headquarters in Vienna, Austria, Schiebel now maintains production facilities in Wiener Neustadt, Austria, and Abu Dhabi, UAE, as well as offices in Warrenton, VA, USA, and Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

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