

# Press Release

## Knill Gruppe expands in the rail sector with an exciting acquisition.

**(Weiz, 10.01.2022) By the end of the year, the Knill Group has taken over the Rail division of the PFISTERER Group at its locations in Italy, Spain and Great Britain. Thus, the group, which is already active worldwide in the energy and mobility infrastructure, is expanding its activity in the promising rail market.**

Knill Gruppe announces the successful completion of the acquisition of PFISTERER's Rail division. PFISTERER Rail is a leading manufacturer and supplier of overhead contact line components for the global rail industry. The acquisition includes around 70 employees at 3 locations in Spain, Italy and the UK and ideally complements the team and product range of the family-run group.

"With this acquisition, we rise to become a global player in railroad infrastructure. With the patented, innovative Spring Automatic Tensioning technology, we become the world market leader in catenary compensating devices. Together with our existing products in overhead lines, this creates exciting opportunities and synergies," Christian Knill, owner of the Knill Gruppe, expressed his pleasure about the company expansion.

With this strategic acquisition, the Knill Gruppe will significantly expand its portfolio of solutions for public mobility, as the additional products will be used to expand metro, streetcar, regional transport and high-speed lines worldwide. Through the electrification of rail networks, the Knill Gruppe is thus also making an important contribution to the decarbonization of public transport networks.

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### Knill Gruppe

The Knill Gruppe is a globally active group of companies with 27 companies in 17 countries around the world, headquartered in Weiz, Austria. Managed in the twelfth generation by the brothers Christian and Georg Knill, the companies are among the world market leaders in the two core divisions, the energy sector (Knill Energy Gruppe) and special machine construction (Rosendahl Nextrom Group). Wherever investments are made today in infrastructure in the fields of energy, communication and mobility, products and solutions from the Knill companies can be found.

With its products and systems, the Knill Energy Gruppe makes a significant contribution to the smooth supply of electricity worldwide. The core competencies of the Knill Energy companies lie in the development, manufacture and sale of damping systems and fittings for high-voltage overhead lines, distribution systems for low and medium voltage, monitoring systems and digital services for line management, components for

overhead switchgear, rail infrastructure equipment and cabinet systems for energy, telecommunications, traffic and control systems.

## **PFISTERER**

In 1921, Karl Pfisterer founded his factory for special electrical products in Stuttgart with the aim of improving the world of power transmission. The PFISTERER Group has been following this claim to quality and technological leadership for more than 100 years. Today, PFISTERER is one of the world's leading specialists and system providers for energy infrastructure - with a complete range of cable fittings, overhead line technology and components along the entire transmission chain from power generation to consumption. With state-of-the-art manufacturing processes and 1,200 employees at 18 international locations, PFISTERER not only connects the power grids of today and tomorrow, but also makes an important contribution to a sustainable and secure energy supply.