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FOERSTER acquires edevis GmbH and expands expertise in active thermography

Long-standing cooperation evolves into a strategic combination – additional thermography methods open up new applications and markets

Reutlingen, September 30, 2026 – Institut Dr. Foerster GmbH & Co. KG (FOERSTER), an internationally leading technology company in non-destructive testing and detection, has acquired edevis GmbH, based in Leinfelden-Echterdingen near Stuttgart, Germany. By joining forces, the two companies are combining their technological expertise in active thermography and creating the foundation to establish this versatile inspection method across a broader range of industrial applications.

FOERSTER and edevis have been working closely together since December 2020 in the field of induction thermography for the non-destructive testing of metallic components. Through this partnership, the two companies have combined their expertise to develop solutions for demanding industrial inspection tasks. The acquisition is a natural continuation of this successful collaboration and creates the foundation for advancing technology and market development under one roof.

edevis is one of the pioneers in active thermography and significantly broadens the technology portfolio established through the companies' cooperation to date. In addition to induction-based excitation, the company uses laser and optical thermography methods, among others. This makes it possible to reliably inspect not only electrically conductive materials, but also non-conductive materials such as fiber-reinforced composites, plastics and ceramics. For FOERSTER, this opens up additional applications and provides access to industries and markets well beyond traditional metal inspection.

The combination brings together complementary strengths: edevis contributes additional thermography methods, many years of

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application experience and specialized expertise to the FOERSTER Group. FOERSTER, in turn, brings an international sales and service network built over decades, with direct access to industrial customers across numerous markets. Together, these capabilities create the foundation for making thermography solutions accessible to a significantly broader customer base and establishing active thermography in further industrial applications.

“With edevis, we are not only gaining a company with outstanding technological expertise, but also taking a long-standing collaboration to the next level,” says Felix Förster, Managing Partner and CEO of the FOERSTER Group. “We have known and valued the team and its technological expertise for many years. We are therefore all the more pleased to take this next step together and continue shaping the future of active thermography.”

Christoph Schanz, Managing Director of the FOERSTER Group, adds: “The acquisition of edevis strategically expands our non-destructive testing portfolio with additional technologies and applications. At the same time, we can leverage our global presence to unlock the potential of active thermography in new markets. We look forward to continuing this journey together with the edevis team.”

The continuation of the successful partnership is equally important to edevis. Thomas Zweschper, co-founder and former Managing Director of edevis, will support the transition during the first few months: “The past years of working with FOERSTER have shown how well our expertise complements each other. I am pleased to actively support the transition and help Y move into this new phase.”

Alexander Dillenz, also co-founder and Managing Director of edevis, will continue to advance thermography technology within the FOERSTER Group over the long term: “As part of the FOERSTER Group, we now have the opportunity to make our thermography solutions accessible to a significantly larger international customer base while continuing to drive their technological development. I look forward to playing an active role in shaping this journey going forward.”

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About Institut Dr. Foerster GmbH & Co. KG (FOERSTER)

Headquartered in Reutlingen, Germany, Institut Dr. Foerster GmbH & Co. KG is an internationally leading technology company in non-destructive testing and detection. Since its founding by Prof. Friedrich Förster in 1948, FOERSTER has been developing technologies and solutions that make hidden structures, properties and irregularities visible. Today, the family-owned company is managed by its third generation.

FOERSTER's technology portfolio ranges from eddy current, ultrasonic and thermographic testing to magnetic and magneto-inductive methods, as well as detection and locating technologies. The company supports its customers with solutions ranging from individual testing instruments and sensors to fully integrated inspection systems, backed by support throughout the entire solution lifecycle.

FOERSTER technologies are used worldwide across a broad range of industries, including automotive, steel and aerospace, as well as infrastructure, security and raw materials exploration. With an international network of subsidiaries, sales and service locations, and representatives, the FOERSTER Group maintains a strong presence close to its customers and partners around the world.

About edevis GmbH

edevis GmbH, headquartered in Leinfelden-Echterdingen near Stuttgart, was founded in 2004 by Thomas Zweschper and Alexander Dillenz as a spin-off from the University of Stuttgart. The company is one of the pioneers in active thermography and develops systems and solutions for non-destructive testing using induction, laser and flash thermography. edevis solutions are used to inspect both conductive and non-conductive materials across a wide range of industries and inspection applications.

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