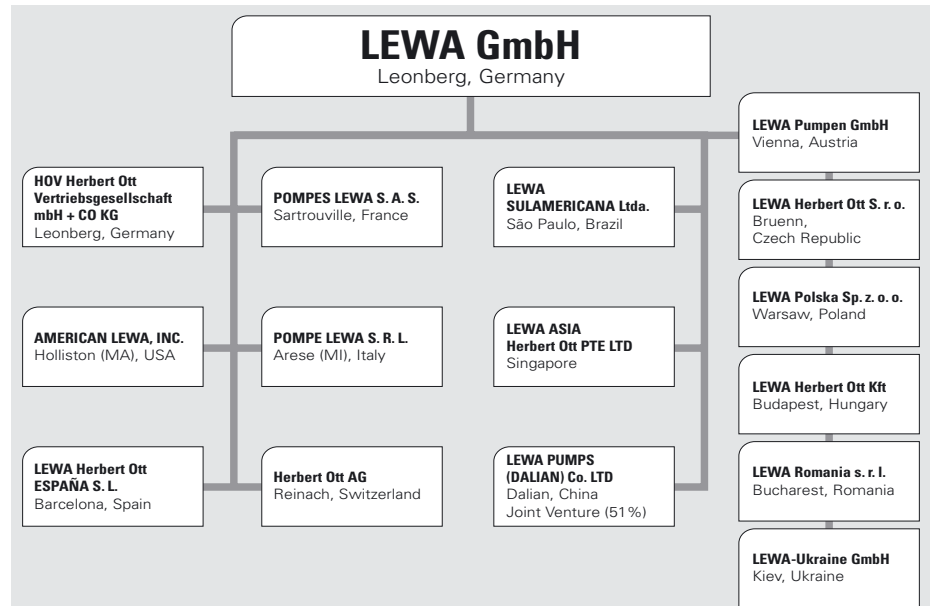


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Newly appointed CEO: Bernd M. Stütz

LEWA: From a Pump Supplier to a Systems Provider

The reorganized LEWA Group will continue to strengthen its leading international roll as a supplier of precise metering pumps, high-performance process diaphragm pumps, as well as complete metering systems and packages, the strengths will be based on a solid financial structure and a newly streamlined management. The focus will remain on the chemical and oil and gas industries. Activities in the pharmaceuticals sector and in complementary products (trade products) will be intensified.

Bernd M. Stütz assumed his position as the new Chairman of the Management Board of LEWA on January 1, 2006. This experienced manager (with many years on the boards of management of leading industrial companies in Germany and abroad) is responsible for technology and sales and will direct the activities of the 'new' LEWA pumps+systems together with the Commercial Director Karl Hettrich. Dr. Reinhard Dechow, the former Chairman of the Management Board, will remain with LEWA as a member of the Advisory Board. These developments follow the sale of the family-owned LEWA Herbert Ott GmbH+Co. KG including the fifteen international sales companies to a group of investors led by Deutsche Beteiligungs AG (DBAG) in October 2005.

The transition from a family-owned company to a stock corporation imposes greater demands for innovation and increased growth in the international markets. Stütz commented that, in setting the direction for himself and the company's 600 employees (400 of them at the main plant in Leonberg) "The corporate goal is profitable growth with turnover reaching EUR 100 million this year and, to this end, we will be communicating the outstanding quality of the LEWA brand and our position as a leader of competence to existing and

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potential customers worldwide. In order to do so, the company must act in a targeted manner, strategically developing and expanding markets and focusing on groups with key accounts". One of the first steps will be to merge the activities of the parent company in Leonberg, Germany, with those of the international subsidiaries and worldwide sales offices.

LEWA will concentrate on the same markets as before, with continued focus on the chemical and oil/gas industries, as well as the pharmaceuticals sector. The pharmaceuticals industry, with its requirements for low-pressure, hermetically sealed diaphragm pumps is a relatively new market for LEWA and, the 'hygienic' pump series was specially developed for this industry. A typical application is for the purification of biotechnologically produced active ingredients. LEWA is now one of the world's leading pump suppliers in the field of industrial process chromatography.

In future, Stütz plans on further strengthening the successful LEWA Trade Products division with additional complementary products, as well as purposefully expanding activities in the strategic after-sales sector. The goal, explained Stütz, is to underscore the company's claim to competent leadership by the addition of a LEWA Training School and LEWA open-house days for industry specialists.

In summary, LEWA has, over the past few years, increasingly developed from a supplier of pumps to a supplier of pumping solutions. "We define customer benefit as much more than technical features and high quality standards. The after-sales area, first-class service, on-site presence and international project management are important as well and, last but not least, a comprehensive consulting service that focuses on system concepts and the customer's processes."



Picture: Dipl.-Ing./Dipl.-Kfm. (graduate engineer, graduate business administrator) Bernd M. Stütz, Chairman of the Management Board at LEWA.

"We will further promote market penetration and the internationalization of the company with intensive product development and the expansion of sales activities based on our recognized, strong technical foundation for pumps and systems."