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SGS Industrial Services is employing mezzanine capital for further international business expansion

SGS Industrial Services GmbH, active in the field of installations of industrial plants, finances further international business expansion with mezzanine capital of Mezzanin Finanzierungs AG. SGS installs industrial plants for well known industrial clients all over the world, especially in the field of wood- and metal processing, production of energy, logistics and environmental technology. In four years only the company became a successful international player with over 900 employees and 10 subsidiaries in 8 different countries. The Austrian based company is currently expanding its business overseas – especially in South America and Africa.

The nature of the project-oriented business of SGS limits the possibilities for Senior financing. In addition, intensive expansion requires a strong equity base. Thus, mezzanine financing is an optimal solution for the company: Being a risk capital investor, Mezzanin Finanzierungs AG requires no collateral for its mezzanine capital. Further the mezzanine capital strengthens the equity basis of SGS in rating terms because of its special attributes.

Werner Griesmaier, chairman of SGS Industrial Services: *“Facing the current situation on the capital markets, mezzanine capital is an excellent choice for project-oriented businesses such as SGS Industrial Services – especially because mezzanine capital does not require to give away shares in the company.”*

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