

QSIL acquires materials specialist Barat Ceramics

Portfolio enlargement creates access to new markets and new offers for existing customers

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Just in time for the new year, the materials specialist QSIL has taken the next step on its growth path: With the acquisition of the technical ceramics expert Barat Ceramics, the QSIL Group will now exceed the sales mark of EUR 100 million and significantly enlarge its special materials portfolio. Barat Ceramics looks back on a similar past like QSIL: Carved out from a company formerly owned by the state, over the past 25 years Barat has turned into a well excepted provider for special technical ceramics products and solutions.

For QSIL 's co-owner Stephan Behr the further diversification of the group as well as the mutual opportunities in technology development and sales are at the center, but the acquisition also brings along a very personal touch. Mr. Behr was born in the region where the acquired company is located. The "Thuringian solution", as he calls the acquisition of Barat Ceramics as both, Barat and QSIL maintain their headquarters in the Federal State of Thuringia, will make use of the geographical proximity and cultural similarities to realize the full business potential of the acquisition.

Until 2021, QSIL plans to invest 5 million Euros in the Barat production site and expects international sales to be strengthened by the deployment of its worldwide branches and sales offices.

Company profile

Barat Ceramics GmbH is a future-oriented, internationally selling company located in Auma, Thuringia (Germany). For more than 100 years, the company has been involved in the development, manufacture and distribution of technical ceramics products. Today, it offers its customers a wide range of modern high-performance oxide ceramic materials. Various system solutions made of metal-ceramic compounds are also part of the portfolio.

The company sells ceramic components of its own production worldwide on four continents and is particularly successful in the areas of medical technology, plant and mechanical

engineering, measuring and control technology, life science and ballistics.

QSIL is an innovative, international provider of high-performance materials, specialized in the production of quartz glass and oxide ceramics. Key markets include the semiconductor and photovoltaic industries, the light source industry, medical technology and other industrial applications in the chemical, analytical and glass fiber industries. QSIL has a globally diversified customer base. Customers include major companies in Europe, Asia and North America.

In 2018 the QSIL Group has generated sales exceeding 80 million Euros with about 400 employees on its payroll. With the acquisition of Barat Ceramics, the Thuringian Group has grown to roughly 600 employees and more than 100 million Euros in sales.

On the Internet:

www.qsil.com

de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barat_Ceramics

www.barat-ceramics.com/

Event note:

Visit of the Thuringian Minister of Economics, Science and Digital Society in Auma on Jan 9th, 2019 at 12 A.M.

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