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Koch Membrane Systems subsidiary acquires PURON AG
KMS International, LLC adds Membrane Bioreactors to Product Portfolio

WILMINGTON, Mass. – Nov. 15, 2004 – On Nov., 9, KMS International, LLC acquired PURON, AG, an Aachen, Germany-based manufacturer of submerged hollow-fiber membrane modules for wastewater treatment. KMS International is a subsidiary of Koch Membrane Systems, Inc. based in Wilmington, Mass.

“The PURON technology will enable us to offer superior membrane modules in membrane bioreactors for municipal and industrial wastewater applications,” said David Koch, president of Koch Membrane Systems. “Our focus for the near future is to integrate this technology with our existing municipal and industrial water and wastewater treatment businesses. We are extremely delighted to have made this acquisition and are very optimistic about its contribution to Koch Membrane Systems’ capabilities.”

“We are excited to become part of Koch Membrane Systems,” said Klaus Vossenkaul, a founder of PURON. “We believe we can best realize the potential for PURON’s technology as part of a company that is a membrane manufacturer and is fully committed to membrane technology and the markets it serves.”

As a wholly owned subsidiary of KMS International, PURON will continue to be based in Aachen.

Koch Membrane Systems, Inc. has been a global leader in state-of-the-art membrane development for more than 30 years. Where large-scales uses of membranes occur in the world, Koch Membrane’s products are used. Koch Membrane Systems is a Koch Chemical Technology Group LLC company.

For more information on Koch Membrane Systems and its full line of products including the PURON Membrane Modules, visit the company’s new web site, www.kochmembrane.com.

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