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## THIEME acquires chemical protective suits from MSA

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**With the signing of the contract today, E. Richard Thieme GmbH will acquire the chemical protective suits business from MSA Deutschland GmbH as of 30 June 2016, in terms of production, further product development, customer service and sales.**

This strategic act is the result of the interest of both companies in a continued partnership in the field of chemical protective suits, and the associated product families **Vautex Elite** and **Chempion**.

8 years ago, THIEME took over the production of chemical protective suits from MSA, and has consistently ensured excellent quality ever since. With the expertise and customer base of MSA Deutschland GmbH, and the company's strong market position in the field of personal protective equipment and gas detection technology, along with the professional competence of the experienced technical manufacturer THIEME, customers are guaranteed the usual high quality chemical protective clothing, with precisely adapted respiratory protection solutions, and the range can also be consistently developed.

From 30.06.2016, THIEME will independently operate the market development, customer support, and maintenance and development of the chemical protective suit ranges **Vautex Elite** and **Chempion**. To ensure a smooth transition, all customers are currently being informed of their new THIEME contact partner.

"We are very happy to have THIEME as a competent partner who is familiar with the demands of the market, and who can look after and develop our chemical protective suits in our customers' best interests," says Lars Hammerschmidt, International Marketing Director, MSA. "With THIEME, we not only know that our products are in good hands, but also that our customers are well served and advised. Furthermore, the services offered by THIEME satisfy our highest quality requirements. This is not the only reason why we consider continued close cooperation in the field of sophisticated chemical protective clothing and associated respiratory protection solutions to be a positive thing. Everyone has his individual strengths, and the user can therefore optimally benefit from the combination of high levels of expertise from all areas of both companies," he continues.

"Nothing happens unless action is taken," explains Andreas Thieme, CEO of E. Richard Thieme GmbH. "We are looking forward to new tasks and opportunities to introduce our many years of experience and our expertise to our partners, and working together to find successful new ways of tackling future challenges," he adds.

Both companies remain economically independent and are not affiliated with each other.

For more information, please contact your local MSA store or E. Richard Thieme GmbH, or visit [www.MSAsafety.com](http://www.MSAsafety.com) or [www.Thieme-Textilien.de](http://www.Thieme-Textilien.de).

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## About MSA

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*Established in 1914, MSA is the global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of safety products that protect people and facility infrastructures. The company's comprehensive line of products is used by workers around the world in a broad range of markets, including the oil, gas and petrochemical industry, the fire service, the construction industry, mining, and the military. The company's core products include self-contained breathing apparatus, head, eye, face and hearing protection, fall protection devices, portable gas detection instruments, fixed gas and flame detection systems, and infrared cameras.*

*MSA is headquartered north of Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township, Pa., employs approximately 5,000 people worldwide, and has an annual turnover of around 1.2 billion USD. It has 42 international branches in the USA, Europe, Asia, and Latin America.*

*MSA Germany is the largest subsidiary company of MSA globally. Five branches in German-speaking countries, as well as authorised channel partners in specialised trade, ensure that the right product is available in the right place and at the right time.*

## About Thieme

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*Founded in 1911, the company has been synonymous in Germany with innovative traditions in technical manufacturing, as well as planning, testing and production for over 100 years.*

*The family company is now in its fourth generation, and run by Mr Andreas Thieme. Since 2006, the company, which is based in the town of Grossröhrsdorf (near Dresden, Saxony), has specialised in the production and service of protective clothing for MSA.*

*The company is characterised by a fair price-performance policy, contemporary environmental awareness, and the manufacture of durable, high quality products. Good business relations with customers and suppliers, both in Germany and abroad, also reflect this positive trend of recent years. With two production sites of its own in Germany and a German management team in Grossröhrsdorf, all customer requests can be realised. The manufacture of belts, bands and technical fabrics, and digitisation and cutting, sewing and welding demonstrate the possibilities for the creation of individual prototypes, and the production of small batches or large quantities for our customers both in Germany and abroad.*

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