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## Press release

KWC Group (KWC Professional) acquires the British specialist for sanitary solutions within custodial units Newcastle Joinery Ltd.

**The KWC Group has acquired Newcastle Joinery Ltd (NJL), a specialist based in York, Great Britain, thereby strengthening its position in the highly specialised market for sanitary solutions in the field of security and custodial facilities.**

Now that the KWC Group has completed its strategic realignment and is fully focused on its successful professional business with integrated solutions for commercial, public and (semi-)public sanitary facilities, the Swiss company has taken the next forward-orientated step in the security facilities sector with the acquisition of Newcastle Joinery Ltd (NJL).

NJL primarily offers customers a modular sanitary area that can be installed within custodial units. The patented 'In Cell Shower Pod' solution fulfils the highest security requirements and has already been successfully installed in numerous prisons in the UK. Furthermore, NJL offers vandal-proof and ligature-resistant equipment.

Marten van der Mei (CEO) and Viktor Bernhardt (CFO) of KWC Professional emphasise the importance of the acquisition: 'Newcastle Joinery is a pioneer in the development of product solutions for the **custodian** sector. Its expertise fits perfectly with the capabilities and strategic objectives of the KWC Professional and will complete the offering to our customers in every respect.'

Jamie Greenwood (CEO and founder of Newcastle Joinery) is also convinced: 'This merger will give our already well-known products and services significantly greater marketing leverage and enable us to further develop fast-growing markets. With the backing of a global organisation of KWC Professional we have the critical mass to offer customers greater in-house services. We can open up new market segments as well as foreign markets with the existing network, such as equipping the 'In Cell Shower Pod' with the KWC product range.

Financial details of the transaction will not be disclosed.

### **KWC Professional**

**KWC Professional is a specialised system and solution provider for sanitary facility equipment and intelligent water management systems for the commercial, public and semi-public sectors. KWC Professional products fulfil the highest standards of safety, hygiene and durability. Customised product solutions are also part of the range. KWC Professional encompasses international production and sales locations in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Great Britain, Finland and the United Arab Emirates. For over 150 years, KWC Professional has combined tradition and innovation with strong expertise in technology and materials. Sustainability, hygiene, safety and stunning appeal are among the company's defining values. KWC Professional employs 400 people worldwide.**

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