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Japanese Automation Specialist Establishes European Headquarter in Dresden

The fourth highest mountain on earth is Mount Lhotse – an immediate neighbor of Mount Everest. Mount Lhotse was also the inspiration for the name of the Hiroshima-based automation specialist RORZE, which was founded in 1985, because the company sees itself as a strong, reliable partner and supporter of its customers just like its role model bolsters Mount Everest.

To be closer to its European customers and to be able to improve its service, RORZE is currently establishing its first European subsidiary in Dresden. The company is already present in the USA as well as in Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam, and Singapore. Over the next few weeks, the RORZE ENGINEERING GmbH corporation will launch its business activities from its location in Saxony. The company specializes in automation systems for the transfer of semiconductor wafers – its core business focuses on so-called wafer handling robots. RORZE, though, also has customers in medical technology as well as biotechnology. In the foreseeable future, applications in the automobile industry will play an increasing role as well.

The Saxon State Minister for Economic Affairs, Martin Dulig: “I’m very pleased that RORZE has chosen Dresden as the site of its first European subsidiary. This aptly demonstrates, on the one hand, that it was well worth the effort to promote Saxony as an investment location in Japan and it also shows, on the other hand, Silicon Saxony’s enormous attractiveness to foreign investors. I’d like to thank RORZE for the trust and confidence they put into Saxony, and I wish the company lots of success.”

The business setup was supported and assisted – it was procured by Germany Trade and Invest – by the Saxony Economic Development Corporation (WFS). Thomas Horn, the Managing Director of the WFS, notes: “Contacts to RORZE have existed for more than ten years now. I’m very pleased that our continued assistance of Japanese investors as well as our widespread presence in Japan created the necessary confidence and trust to initiate this business setup. This will further strengthen Dresden and Saxony as a center of European microelectronics.”

RORZE employs about 2,000 people around the globe – its international customers also include Globalfoundries and Infineon. “Silicon Saxony”, Europe’s largest microelectronics cluster, provides an enormous market potential. The vibrant automobile industry in Saxony, which



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safeguards and guarantees a constantly growing sales market for the semiconductor industry, was also a decisive factor for the company in choosing this location.

Yoshiyuki Fujishiro, CEO of RORZE, noted that „RORZE has chosen Dresden in Saxony amongst other locations as their European headquarter because of the outstanding networking, the engineering and science background of the city which promises future growth in the long term as an automation company.”

Ronald Schierer, Managing Director of RORZE ENGINEERING GmbH, added that “from the new location, customers across Europe will receive a closer cooperation and partnership with RORZE, supported in future with R&D capacity to address the Industry 4.0 challenges with the focus on semiconductor automation.”

It is also expected that the Saxon research and development community – primarily in the Industry 4.0 sector – will provide positive input and impulses for RORZE’s own product development. That’s why talks on cooperation were already held with Dresden University of Technology in the spring of 2019 – joint research projects are to follow.

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