

### **GEA Farm Technologies acquires SKIOLD MULLERUP A/S**

**Bönen, March 31, 2010** – GEA Farm Technologies continues its expansion strategy towards a total solutions provider in livestock farming through the acquisition of SKIOLD MULLERUP A/S, a leading manufacturer of automatic feeding, manure handling and bedding systems for cows headquartered in Ullerslev, Denmark.

“This is another important stepstone in our strategy, to enhance our product portfolio, now including automatic feeding technology, an increasingly important success factor in modern livestock farming”, says Dirk Hejnal, Segment President of GEA Farm Technologies.

From being a small blacksmith shop established in 1901, MULLERUP has grown into an innovative company specialized in automation within dairy farming. Since 1993, the company has been affiliated with the SKIOLD Group, one of the largest suppliers of technical equipment and management systems for the pork producers in Europe.

GEA Farm Technologies will grow the product line MULLERUP internationally and is dedicated to strengthen its Business Unit Farm Equipment globally, too. MULLERUP will continue to operate out of their headquarters and manufacturing facility in Ullerslev.

“We are proud to become part of GEA Farm Technologies, which will strengthen the success of our product lines in the global market. The MULLERUP products fit perfectly into the Total Solutions Strategy of GEA Farm Technologies”, says Carsten Poulsen CEO of SKIOLD MULLERUP A/S. “The new ownership gives us the possibility to continue our expansion strategy”.

GEA Farm Technologies with its main office in Bönen, Germany offers farmers integrated product and application solutions which today`s producers require: From design and planning of barn- and business concepts up to the daily herd and farm management. Since 1926 the company is known for future-oriented technical innovations. With its combined key competences from milk production, manure systems and barn equipment as well as state-of-the-art service and hygiene concepts, GEA Farm Technologies

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provides a complete and up-to-date range of products and services that covers all herd sizes and meets the full range of customer requirements right around the world, reflecting the scale and nature of individual livestock operations. GEA Farm Technologies employs more than 1,900 people worldwide in subsidiaries in over 60 countries.

GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft is one of the largest system providers for food and energy processes with about EUR 4.4 billion in 2009 revenue. As an internationally operating technology group, the company focuses on process technology and components for demanding production processes in various end markets. The group gains about 70 percent of its revenue in the long-term growing food and energy industries. The company's workforce comprised over 20,000 employees worldwide as of December 31, 2009. GEA Group is a market and technology leader in its business areas. The company is listed in the MDAX index (G1A, WKN 660200).

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