



SOTAX Group takes over software specialist SECOM GmbH

The SOTAX Group takes over the software specialist SECOM GmbH to further expand its position as the world's leading solution provider for pharmaceutical test equipment. With this acquisition, the SOTAX Group strengthens its portfolio in the data integrity driven field of data management solutions for analytical development laboratories, quality control departments and production sites in the pharmaceutical industry.

May 2020: SECOM GmbH, based in Hamburg, Germany, has been developing software and electronic components for test equipment for the pharmaceutical industry since 1999. SECOM focuses on the development of multi-threading-capable, hardware-related software for the acquisition, management and evaluation of measured values in pharmaceutical test laboratories. SECOM GmbH is an industry renowned leader in the areas of device regulation, embedded software, database connectivity, programmable logic and interfaces.

With the data management software q-doc[®], the main product in SECOM's product portfolio, the company meets both the strict regulatory requirements in the pharmaceutical environment and the market demands for a user-friendly and highly flexible modular software solution for different test equipment. Furthermore, the software can be seamlessly integrated into interdepartmental processes via interfaces with third-party systems such as LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System), ELN (Electronic Lab Notebook), MES (Manufacturing Execution System) and ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning).

The SOTAX Group, the global leader in the development and the manufacture of dissolution testing systems, automated sample preparation platforms and physical testing equipment for the pharmaceutical industry, has been working hand in hand with SECOM for over 20 years. It currently already successfully distributes the q-doc[®] software to customers worldwide. With the take-over of SECOM GmbH, the SOTAX Group is implementing a further consistent step in the strategic orientation of the company.

"I am pleased that we can continue the international marketing of q-doc[®] through a successful company such as the SOTAX Group and thus further strengthen the market position of the product. We are proud to be part of the product portfolio of a market leader with our software" explains Thomas Kollwe, managing director of SECOM GmbH.

"The acquisition is in line with the strategic orientation of our product and service portfolio: The ongoing expansion of the data management business will further strengthen our leading position as a complete solution provider in the market," added Rolf Benz, CEO of the SOTAX Group. "We are pleased to bring all SECOM GmbH employees with their innovative ideas on board and to further develop the data management software q-doc[®] in order to continue to offer our customers tailor-made solutions for their individual requirements in the proven quality".

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About SOTAX:

SOTAX, founded in Switzerland in 1973, is a leading global supplier of high-quality test equipment for the pharmaceutical industry. The product portfolio includes dissolution testing systems, automated sample preparation platforms to analyze the content of pharmaceutical dosage forms and raw materials and equipment to determine the physical properties of pharmaceutical dosage forms (Physical Testing). SOTAX is also a world leader in the areas of multi-vendor laboratory services, analytical & application services and data management solutions. For further information visit us at www.sotax.com.



About SECOM:

SECOM GmbH in Hamburg (Germany), founded in 1999, specialises in custom developments for electronic components and software for measurement data acquisition and management of test equipment in the pharmaceutical industry. The service expertise is divided into software, hardware, production and documentation expertise. You can find further information on www.secom.de.