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### Successful launch of SAP S/4HANA: BERNER ushers in new ERP era

The Berner Group once again underlines its pioneering role as an innovative driver of digital transformation. With the go-live of the SAP S/4HANA system, the B2B wholesaler has now realised one of the most extensive and important software projects in its corporate history. The application is a so-called Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution that is used to manage central business activities. The rollout was carried out step by step during ongoing operations. The investment volume is in the high seven-digit range.

"SAP S/4HANA means the beginning of a new ERP era for Berner Group," says CFO Christian Dahmen. "It makes me extremely proud that we are one of the first companies in the industry to benefit from the advantages of the most modern database technology. The entire team has done an incredible job to make the system change possible, while at the same time keeping the operational day-to-day business running. My big thanks go to everyone involved from our national and international subsidiaries and the holding company."

In the meantime, more than 1,400 users across Europe are already working on the new data and process platform, which is used at BERNER in the areas of finance, controlling and master data management.

"From master data management and order processing to incoming and outgoing invoices or the entire closing operations in the financial area, we handle all processes via the system," reports Matthias Rathgeb, who managed the group-wide go-live as project manager. "SAP S/4HANA enables us to retrieve even the largest amounts of data consolidated in almost real time, instead of having to extract and merge them from several tables, as was previously the case. This speeds up processing many times over. In addition, we will be much more flexible with database queries in the future."

The now successfully implemented software project is soon to be followed by further digitalisation measures. The Berner Group is planning to gradually integrate its e-service platform and core functions from other central corporate divisions (e.g. sales, supply chain, logistics) into the new SAP system landscape.

#### About the Berner Group

The Berner Group is a family-run European trading company. Our vision: "We keep the world together and moving". This means we are the central B2B trading partner for all materials in the field of maintenance, repair and production for our customers in the construction, mobility and industrial sectors. With over four channels, we create an integrated omnichannel shopping experience for our customers. In the field of steel and C-parts, as well as in the chemical sector, we are at the same time an innovative manufacturer. We are represented in over 20 countries with more than 200,000 articles and around 8,000 employees.