



SEMA group acquires Compass Software GmbH

SEMA Group, the world's leading provider of CAD/CAM software in the fields of timber construction, stair design and sheet metal work, today announced the acquisition of **Compass Software GmbH**, a leading manufacturer of CAD/CAM/CNC software for stair design, timber and window construction.

Compass Software GmbH, founded over 30 years ago and headquartered in Dortmund, Germany, supports several thousand customers in over 30 markets worldwide with planning tools, connections to CNC machines of numerous machine manufacturers and MES systems for workshop organisation around the topics of stair design, timber and window construction. Optimising production-critical workflows and providing the right solution for the customer is part of the Compass Software DNA. This includes not only the use of the latest VR technologies, but also a fully integrated manufacturing process through the MES solution PROKON.

For the building industry, which is facing fundamental changes and challenges in the areas of digitalisation and process coordination like hardly any other industry, the alliance of the two companies is a strong signal. Both companies are already contributing considerably to BIM coordination processes for all trades involved that enable their own customers to achieve above-average increases in productivity and improvements in cost and schedule adherence for the industry.

This deal represents a strategic expansion of the *SEMA Group* portfolio. It is expected to further advance our strategic goal of offering a platform for industrialised timber construction by bundling innovative power, which offers customers a unique user experience in addition to consistent workflows. The mutual customers now have the possibility of integrating other trades into their daily business through the highly innovative solutions from the *SEMA Group* portfolio.

"The *SEMA Group* is pleased to welcome *Compass Software GmbH*, a team with valuable and extensive expertise in stair design and digital manufacturing - the complementary capabilities of both companies will give our customers access to high innovation and sophisticated technologies," said Alexander Neuss, CEO at the *SEMA Group*.

"The *SEMA Group* and *Compass Software GmbH* share the same long-term goals. We are happy to continue our story together," adds Lukas Hollinderbäumer, Managing Director of *Compass Software GmbH*. "The combined innovative power of our development teams will give us the opportunity to create even more added value for our customers and to continue to be a strong partner for the industry in digitalisation," explains Ludger Ostendarp, Head of the Software Development at *Compass Software GmbH*.

About SEMA Group

With its brands SEMA and WGsystem, the SEMA group is the world's leading software provider in the fields of timber construction, stair design and sheet metal work. The software solutions are available in 11 languages and have been successfully used by more than 10,000 customers in 62 countries for over 38 years. With SEMA, craft-oriented carpenters, joiners, joinery centres and the prefabricated house industry have an integrated solution for the planning, calculation and construction of wooden buildings, stairs and roofing as well as sheet metal in 2D or 3D. In order to continuously expand its market position and to always offer customers innovative solutions, the group invests an average of 15 % of its turnover each year in the further development of solutions at its location in the Allgäu region.