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## **Rolf Brändli appointed new CFO of Burckhardt Compression**

**Winterthur, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The Board of Directors of Burckhardt Compression has appointed the 39 year-old Rolf Brändli as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Rolf Brändli will take over his new function on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. As mentioned in the annual interim report 2007, Harry Otz decided to leave the company in the third quarter of 2008.**

Rolf Brändli, Swiss national, has a degree in business administration and has extensive knowledge in finance and accounting. In 1984 he began his career with an apprenticeship at a bank. After several years of working in the banking and consulting sector, Rolf Brändli changed in 1997 to industrial controlling, where he worked as a regional controller for Asia in Hong Kong for 4 years. Since 2001 he has headed as a member of the management team the finance and administration department at Sulzer Brazil S.A., one of the big sites of the Pumps division within the Sulzer Corporation.

After eight years as CFO of Burckhardt Compression, Harry Otz will take a new professional challenge abroad. CEO Valentin Vogt commented: "We regret Harry Otz's departure. He strongly contributed to the successful MBO (management buy-out) in 2002 and to the prosperous IPO (initial public offer) in June 2006. Our Board of Directors and the whole management team thank him for his valuable contribution." Valentin Vogt added: "With the appointment of Rolf Brändli, we have found a highly qualified successor for Harry Otz. His industrial and international experience will be particularly valuable for our company".

### **About Burckhardt Compression**

Burckhardt Compression is one of the market leaders in the field of reciprocating compressor technology and the only manufacturer that offers a complete range of Laby<sup>®</sup> (labyrinth piston), process gas, and hyper compressors. These compressors are used in a wide range of applications in the chemical and petrochemical industry, in refineries, in air separation systems, and for gas transport and storage. Burckhardt Compression products are used to compress, cool or liquefy gas, for example hydrocarbon or industrial gases. Its customers include multinational companies in the oil, gas, petrochemicals and chemicals industries.

In addition to its thriving new installation business, a major driver of the company's success is its global service network, which generates a substantial share of company revenues. This global network enables Burckhardt Compression to offer comprehensive customer support services, such as delivery of top-quality components, servicing of compressor valves, complete system overhauls, engineering services and the fulfillment of comprehensive maintenance contracts.



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