

Press Release

Foundation of LUM (Changzhou) Instruments Co., Ltd.

Signing of the articles of incorporation for the new joint venture

Berlin, 8 October 2015: The articles of incorporation for LUM (Changzhou) Instruments Co., Ltd. were signed on 18 September 2015. Shareholders of this new joint venture are LUM GmbH, Berlin (80 % share capital) and Jiangsu Sino-German Innovation Center (Jiangsu) Co., Ltd, (GIC) Changzhou (20 % share capital). Besides the managing directors Prof. Dr. D. Lerche (LUM GmbH) and Dr. X. Zhou (GIC), top-ranking representatives of local investment agencies, of the management of Wujin Hi-Tech Industrial Zone (WIZ) as well as of the city of Changzhou attended the ceremony.

LUM GmbH is a market leader for innovative analytical instruments for particle characterization and for direct and accelerated characterization of emulsions and suspensions. In materials testing of composites and surfaces, LUM customers at the end of the value chain benefit from analytical instruments, made by LUM.

The Jiangsu Sino-German Innovation Center Co., Ltd. (GIC) is a politically-initiated company by the Ministry of Economic Affairs of North Rhine-Westphalia and the Chinese Province Jiangsu. It was founded as a Joint Venture between a German company, called IWC (Institute for Economy and Technology cooperations with China Co., Ltd) and the Jiangsu Province in China (represented by the Wujin National Hi-Tech Industrial Zone Ltd.). [1]

The head office of LUM (Changzhou) Instruments Co., Ltd. (LUM China) will be situated in Wujin Hi-Tech Industrial Zone, strategically located for the further growth of LUM China.

Wujin Hi-Tech Industrial Zone (WIZ) is located in the southern part of Changzhou. Changzhou is located in the southern part of the Jiangsu Province, which is adjacent to the metropolitan city of Shanghai. It has become one of the fastest growing and most competitive developing cities along the east coast of China. At present, 22 of the top foreign companies such as GE, Goodyear, Mettler-Toledo, Bosch Rexroth, F & G, Karl Mayer, Valinox, S & I, Toshiba, Fujitsu, Hyundai have set up factories in Changzhou. WIZ was approved in 1996 by Jiangsu Government. It has a total planning area of 100 square kilometers. Electronics Information, new materials and machinery have taken shape.[2]

The further development of the sales network and the efficient technical support of the Chinese customers by native speakers, trained at LUM Berlin, belong to the main tasks of the new joint venture. Scientific cooperation with universities as well as the support and commitment in promoting young researchers from universities and academic institutions all across the globe form essential part of LUM's philosophy, as numerous cooperation and sponsoring projects and the LUM Young Scientist Award prove. Now, there is a further increase of those activities in China. They will be directly coordinated by LUM (Changzhou) Instruments Co., Ltd.

[1] <http://www.eusmecentre.org.cn/service-provider/jiangsu-sino-german-innovation-center-co-ltd>, 7.10.2015

[2] <http://www.wiz.gov.cn/en/>, 7.10.2015

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On the enclosed picture: Dr. X. Zhou, Managing Director German Innovation Center (front left), Prof. Dr. D. Lerche, Managing Director LUM GmbH (front right) and further participants of the ceremony