



Press Release

Sandvik acquires minority shares in Precorp, USA

Sandvik Tooling has reached an agreement to acquire 49% of the shares in Precorp Inc., a company based in Spanish Fork, Utah, USA.

Precorp is a producer and supplier of polycrystalline diamond (PCD) and carbide tools for machining of advanced composite materials as well as many other materials used mainly by the aerospace and automotive industries. In 2007, Precorp had sales of approximately SEK 140 M, with 140 employees.

"The acquisition is in line with Sandvik's long-term strategy for profitable growth and to deliver increased customer value. Through the acquisition, we intend to further develop and strengthen the global business for diamond based cutting tools, particularly in the rapidly growing aerospace segment," says Anders Thelin, President of Sandvik Tooling.

"On behalf of all the employees at Precorp, let me say that we are excited about partnering with Sandvik as we continue to invest in Precorp's long-term strategy for growth in the Aerospace markets, and I look forward to continuing to lead the business into the future", says John Bunting, Chairman and CEO of Precorp.

The acquisition is expected to be concluded by the end of June 2008.

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Sandvik is a global industrial group with advanced products and world-leading positions in selected areas – tools for metal cutting, machinery and tools for rock excavation, stainless materials, special alloys, metallic and ceramic resistance materials as well as process systems. The Group had at the end of 2007 about 47,000 employees and representation in 130 countries, with annual sales of more than SEK 86,000 M.

Sandvik Tooling is a business area within the Sandvik Group and a global market-leading manufacturer of tools and tooling systems for cutting operations as well as of wear parts and superabrasive components. Annual sales in 2007 were about SEK 24,7000 M, with about 16,400 employees. Approximately 3% of sales is invested in R&D. Products are manufactured in cemented carbide, high-speed steel and other hard materials, such as diamond, cubic boron nitride and special ceramics. Well-established brands are Sandvik Coromant, Sandvik Hard Materials, Walter, Valenite, ValeniteSafety, Titex, Dormer, Prototyp, Precision Twist Drill and Diamond Innovations.

Precorp Inc. is focused on providing innovative solutions to difficult machining operations in both PCD and Carbide cutting tool designs. Precorp partners with their customers to bring about significant cost savings by offering complete reconditioning services as well as new tool design and production. Annual sales were about SEK 140 M in 2007, with 120 employees.