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AUMUND AND VERSA MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATE ON NEXT-GENERATION BATTERY CATHODE PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES

Collaboration aims to explore innovative conveying and thermal processing solutions for next-generation battery material production.

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AUMUND Corporation, the U.S. subsidiary of AUMUND Holding B.V., and Versa Materials Technology, Inc., a developer of advanced battery cathode materials, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore the development and adaptation of conveying and thermal processing technologies for battery cathode material manufacturing.

The agreement brings together Versa's expertise in battery cathode materials with AUMUND's decades of experience in bulk material handling, process engineering and thermal material transport solutions. Together, the companies will evaluate innovative approaches for the controlled thermal processing of battery cathode materials, with a particular focus on enclosed and atmosphere-controlled calcination concepts.

As demand for electric vehicles and energy storage solutions continues to grow worldwide, the battery industry faces increasing challenges related to production efficiency, product quality and scalability. The collaboration aims to address these challenges by investigating new process concepts that could contribute to more efficient and reliable cathode material manufacturing.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, both companies will jointly assess the application of AUMUND conveying technologies within battery material thermal processing environments. The agreement also establishes an exclusivity framework for the further evaluation and development of the patented conveyor-based calcination concept, eLCC.

Expanding AUMUND Expertise into Emerging Industries

For more than a century, AUMUND has been recognized worldwide for innovative solutions in conveying, storage and bulk material handling. While traditionally serving industries such as cement, mining, metals and alternative fuels, the company continues to explore new applications for its technologies in emerging industrial sectors.

The collaboration represents an opportunity to transfer proven AUMUND technologies from established process industries into the rapidly growing battery materials sector, supporting the development of future-oriented manufacturing solutions.

Jason Birnbaum, President Sales & Projects at AUMUND Corporation, commented: *"AUMUND has spent decades developing reliable and innovative solutions for challenging material handling applications. By combining this engineering expertise with Versa's knowledge of battery cathode materials, we see significant potential to advance thermal*



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processing technologies for the next generation of battery manufacturing. We are excited to explore new possibilities together and contribute to the development of a more resilient and scalable battery supply chain.”

Carson Rast, Chief Executive Officer of Versa Materials Technology, added:

“Thermal processing remains one of the most critical and challenging steps in battery cathode manufacturing. AUMUND’s experience in conveying and process engineering makes them an ideal partner as we explore innovative approaches to improve efficiency, product quality and scalability for domestic battery material production.”

The collaboration aligns with AUMUND’s commitment to supporting sustainable industrial development through innovative engineering solutions and expanding its technological capabilities into future-oriented markets.

About Versa Materials Technology:

Versa Materials Technology, Inc. is a battery cathode materials company headquartered in Austin, Texas. The company develops scalable and cost-effective manufacturing processes for high-performance cathode materials, including nickel-rich NMC and LFP chemistries, supporting the growth of domestic battery supply chains.

About the AUMUND Group:

Operating in over 150 countries worldwide, the AUMUND Group is a recognized expert in bulk material handling with more than 27,000 references. Its technically advanced, innovative solutions can be seamlessly integrated into virtually any customer or site-specific setup. AUMUND systems for the safe transport of hot, abrasive materials, optimized cooling processes, advanced storage and blending bed technology, as well as mobile loading and unloading systems, have made the Group a key player in demanding industries. At the same time, AUMUND companies are reliable partners for plant manufacturers and operators – whether for new builds, conversions, or modernization projects. Multiple production sites with engineering and R&D capabilities, strategically located warehouses, in-house spare parts production, international service companies, service centers, and numerous sales locations ensure maximum plant availability for customers worldwide – while supporting resource conservation.

Since 2023 the Aumund Foundation has been the new proprietor of the AUMUND Group with the aim of a long-term and sustainable company development.

Alongside reliable plant availability, customers can also count on the sustainability of solutions from AUMUND. Each Group company and each service provider offers ecological solutions, which are environmentally sound, and follow the principle of the circular economy.

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