



## **KUVAG takes over SIMOTEC from Lapp / Pfisterer Group**

**In November 2018, the KUVAG Group will take over the business unit of SIMOTEC composite hollow core insulators from Lapp / Pfisterer.**

SIMOTEC composite insulators (composite hollow-core insulators) are installed in various high-voltage devices and systems, especially in those that are exposed to extreme pollution and rough weather conditions during operations. Owing to their superior design, optimized manufacturing processes along with use of high-quality GRP tubes and LSR silicone rubber materials, SIMOTEC hollow insulators make a strong and decisive contribution towards building of switching devices with highest quality and reliability.

As part of the agreement with Pfisterer, KUVAG will take over all existing SIMOTEC equipment, tools, systems, knowledge and processes at the Redwitz site for the manufacture of hollow insulators. The SIMOTEC business shall now formally integrate and operate under KUVAG at its existing site in Düren / Germany (KUVAG Isola Composites GmbH). In the past, Kuvag produced the GFK tubes used by SIMOTEC in its works at Düren. Even though the necessary expertise was already available at the Düren site, vertical integration now makes it possible to map the entire value chain from a single source with the maximum possible continuity.

As of now new orders can be placed with KUVAG Isola Composites GmbH with deliveries starting in January 2019. The transfer of equipment from Redwitz to Düren will commence by mid-November so that production ramp-up in Düren will be effective in December.

With this acquisition, the KUVAG Group underlines its continued growth strategy as a leading provider of customized insulation solutions.

*"The success of our expansion strategy is explained by our ability to provide our customers with a comprehensive range of solutions. This acquisition marks an important milestone in rounding off our strong technology portfolio while at the same time opening new opportunities in attractive markets."*

**Heinz Purkarthofer, CEO of the KUVAG Group**