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**M.E.SCHUPP starts the production of MoSi<sub>2</sub>-based Electric HT-Heating Elements (MolyCom<sup>®</sup>-UltraHeater) made in Germany soon.**

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Additional to the already started production of high temperature adhesives in 2004, M.E.SCHUPP will install a first partial production for Electric Heating Elements (MolyCom<sup>®</sup>-Ultra) from 1.700°C to 1.800°C in Aachen/Germany this year. Thereby the status as a real alternative supplier to other market dominating companies - in the electric heating sector of HT industrial and laboratory furnaces - will be upgraded and the customer service will be optimised. The total investment in the new production facilities amount to 1.5 Mill € from 2004 till 2006.

Furthermore M.E.SCHUPP will push the sales activities of High End Aluminium Oxide Fiber Blankets, Modules and Boards as well as Lightweight Setters and mechanical machined and sintered Fiber Tubes with 72 to 97% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (FIBERMAX<sup>®</sup>) up to 1.850°C. This will be realised with an exclusive distributorship for the Japanese premium manufacturer ITM in Europe. Consequently M.E.SCHUPP will also become a serious and competitive alternative in this HT Insulation sector and can satisfy all customer requirements in case of short delivery time, high quality and competitiveness.

In general M.E.SCHUPP Industriekeramik GmbH & Co. KG provides ceramic and metallic key components in the high temperature sector for industrial and laboratory furnaces up to 1.900°C since almost 10 years. The product mix includes the central areas like: Electric Heating, Thermal Insulation, Temperature Measuring by Ceramics (PTCR Rings) as well as Sintering (Setters) and Melting (Plasma Crucibles). This product range is characterized by an excellent Price-Performance-Ratio. M.E.SCHUPP attends to more than 300 customers (mainly SME's in Europe and Asia) with branches in Tokyo, Shanghai, Bangkok und Prague (for Eastern EU) as well as several sales partners. Also major customers like DaimlerChrysler, Siemens, Epcos or Bosch are counted among the established clientele.

Currently 22 employees represent an intercultural and professional customer orientated family which will find best solutions for the customers needs.

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