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## Deal closed: Fabmatics is officially part of SCIO Automation

A comprehensive cleanroom portfolio from a single source / Expanding the global distribution network

Frankenthal, January 12, 2024 – **When the deal closed on December 27, 2023, the takeover of Fabmatics GmbH by SCIO Automation GmbH, which was agreed on October 30, 2023, subject to official approvals, was completed. Headquartered in Dresden, Fabmatics is now officially part of international automation platform SCIO Automation (SCIO for short). Fabmatics is an experienced automation specialist for material flow and handling processes in the semiconductor industry. This acquisition, means that cleanroom customers will benefit from SCIO's comprehensive portfolio along the entire value chain and its global market presence.**

The Fabmatics deal shows that SCIO is continuing its international growth strategy. At the same time, Fabmatics' portfolio is complementary to SCIO's existing customer-specific material flow and storage solutions for the cleanroom, which are successfully used by international customers. "We are pleased that Fabmatics, which has a truly global distribution network, is another strong company that is now part of SCIO. This will enable us to develop our cleanroom logistics segment even further along with our SCIO subsidiaries Fabmatics and Schiller Automatisierungstechnik into a supporting pillar for our portfolio," said Michael Goepfarth, CEO of SCIO Automation, about the transaction.

Fabmatic's material flow and handling services and Schiller's customized storage and transport systems complement each other seamlessly, enabling customers to obtain their automation solutions along the entire cleanroom value chain from a single source in the future.

The deal is an important step in SCIO's international growth strategy, giving it the scope to expand its global business further and to ensure that the Group can bring its performance, products and services to the market more easily and efficiently.

"With SCIO, we can see that they are best placed to continue Fabmatics' success story over the coming years. SCIO's strategic focus and company portfolio, not only brings with it a wealth of industrial experience in automation technology, meaning that there is a huge potential for synergy projects moving forward, but also provides a stable and resilient financial backing for Fabmatics' continued growth, as the SCIO Group has its own shareholder structure. We are looking forward to seeing how the business progresses in this new and exciting chapter. At the same time, we would like to thank our founders and shareholders Dr. Steffen Pollack, Lothar Andritzke and Manfred Jähnert, as well as the investment company SüdBG for many years of trusting and appreciative partnership," said Dr. Andreas Purath and Dr. Roland Giesen, from the Fabmatics management team.

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Fabmatics, headquartered in Dresden, Germany, was founded in 1991 and has been automating intralogistics processes in semiconductor fabs, semiconductor process plants and other high-tech production environments for more than 30 years.

Fabmatics' customers include almost all of the well-known chip manufacturers worldwide. In particular, the system integrator has a strong market presence when it comes to modernizing 200-millimeter semiconductor fabs worldwide, and it supplies cleanroom material flow solutions from a single source that ensure a more efficient, faster and safer production flow in semiconductor fabs. Their range of services includes a modular product range of hardware and software designed to automate handling, transport and storage processes, as well as solutions for identifying and locating products.

Alongside Fabmatics GmbH, its Utica-based (New York) subsidiary Fabmatics USA Inc. also becomes part of the SCIO Automation Group. Fabmatics, with its approximately 300 employees, will continue to operate as an independent entity, and will stand to benefit hugely from the vast array of potential synergies working closely with the other SCIO companies. It will make a significant contribution to mutual growth in the cleanroom segment.

The deal means that the founders of Fabmatics GmbH as well as SüdBG, as shareholders for the last nine years, are ceding their shares to SCIO Automation.

"We founded our company in 1991 during the turbulent post-reunification period to take control of our own futures and create new jobs. Since then, alongside our employees, we have developed Fabmatics into a powerful player and automation specialist for the semiconductor industry. Today, after a history that goes back more than 32 years, the time is right for a change in the shareholder structure. We are handing Fabmatics over to new owners who have been carefully selected. We are convinced that with SCIO at its side, Fabmatics will benefit from its international network and continue its extraordinarily successful development to the next level of quality," said Dr. Steffen Pollack, representing the founders and former shareholders.

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### **About SCIO Automation GmbH**

SCIO Automation Group is an international E2E automation platform that passionately believes in its mission to support companies on their journey towards Industry 4.0. As a system integrator, SCIO automates production and logistics processes. As an innovator, SCIO develops value-added and customized automation products for the Autonomous Mobile Robots, Software and Cleanroom sectors, as well as for Food Intralogistics and Industrial Labeling. The SCIO platform currently comprises more than ten medium-sized company brands, totaling more than 1,100 employees at 30 locations in eight countries worldwide, all of whom play a part in implementing the Smart Factory concept for global players and hidden champions in a wide range of industries.

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### **About Fabmatics:**

Fabmatics GmbH, headquartered in Dresden, is an experienced specialist in the automation of material flows and handling processes in semiconductor factories, semiconductor process equipment, and other highly technical production environments. Founded in 1991, the company has successfully realized custom automation projects in the semiconductor industry for over 30 years. Its range of services includes a modular product portfolio of hardware and software for automating handling, transportation, and storage processes, as well as solutions for product identification and localization. Systems such as mobile robots, robot cells, overhead storage units within cleanrooms, RFID components, and more contribute to a more efficient, faster, and secure production process in the fab.

Fabmatics GmbH, along with its subsidiary Fabmatics USA Inc. in Utica, New York, operates globally and currently employs around 300 people. Fabmatics GmbH is a member of the worldwide industry association SEMI, the high-tech network Silicon Saxony e.V., and the AND Automation Network Dresden.

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