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**SMT Scharf AG starts off-market share buy-back**

Hamm, October 7, 2009 – SMT Scharf AG's Managing Board resolved today to use the authorization issued by the General Meeting on April 23, 2009, on acquiring own shares, and to buy back up to 300,000 shares of the company off the market. The buy-back will start on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, and will end on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. The shares will be bought back at a price (without incidental acquisition costs) of €8.99 per no-par value bearer share of SMT Scharf AG. The shares bought back can be used for all purposes set out in the authorization resolution passed by the General Meeting.

The full text of the offer will be published in the Electronic Federal Gazette (<http://www.ebundesanzeiger.de>) and on the company's home page at <http://www.smtscharf.com> on October 12, 2009.

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## **Company profile**

The SMT Scharf group develops, builds and maintains rail-bound railway systems for mining and use in tunnels. The trains are used all over the world, primarily in hard coal mines, gold mines and in underground mining for platinum, diamonds, copper and nickel. They are used to transport material and personnel up to loads of 35t. Derailment-proof railways are the only railways that can be used underground on branching lines to cope with inclines of more than 13 degrees. The SMT Scharf Group has its own companies in Germany, Poland and South Africa, China and Russia and has dealerships around the world. The railways developed by SMT Scharf are characterized, above all, by high-performance engines, great achievable transport performance and low operating and maintenance costs. SMT Scharf records more than 70% of its revenues on high-growth foreign markets, such as Russia, China and South Africa. The replacement parts and repairs business constitutes around 50% of sales. The continuing exploitation of stores means that high technology transport solutions are required for mining as a result of the increasingly difficult circumstances. The total market for underground transport technology comprises around €5 billion to €7 billion per year according to company estimates. SMT Scharf AG has been listed in the Prime Standard (Regulated Market) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since April 11, 2007.

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