

## Press release

# Acquisition of Gesellschaft für Elektro- und Sicherheitstechnik mbH (“GfT”) successfully completed

**Essen, – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016** – SPIE GmbH, a subsidiary of SPIE, the independent European leader in multi-technical services in the areas of energy and communications, has acquired Essen-based company Gesellschaft für Elektro- und Sicherheitstechnik mbH (“GfT”) as of September 30, 2016. The purchase contract was signed in July.

SPIE’s latest acquisition allows the company to press forward with its ONE SPIE strategy. The goal of this approach is to build on the existing technical expertise, expand the range of services along the value chain, and increase local presence. Markus Holzke, Managing Director of SPIE GmbH, said: “The acquisition of GfT will enable us to expand our range of services in the areas of electrical and safety engineering and benefit from specialist know-how with regard to fiber optics and data technology.”

GfT was founded in Essen in 1997. The company provides services in the areas of safety engineering, fiber optics, data technology, and electrical engineering. GfT generated a revenue of approximately 17 million euros in 2015 and currently employs more than 60 highly qualified staff.

Within the SPIE GmbH network, GfT has been assigned to the ICS business unit (Information & Communication Services), which offers a variety of network and communication solutions for business customers in various sectors and industries. Michael Hartung, head of the ICS business unit of SPIE GmbH, describes the company’s strategic positioning: “Our advantage as a multi-technology service provider is that we not only know our way around IT technology, but also in building and industrial technologies.”

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With over 38,000 employees at almost 600 locations in 38 countries, the SPIE group generated a consolidated revenue of € 5.3 billion and a consolidated EBITA of € 351 million in 2015.

In its Germany and Central Europe segment, with 5,900 employees at over 70 locations, the SPIE group generated a revenue of € 901 million in 2015.

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