

Pierburg-Mikuni JV for pumps in Shanghai

Pump Technology GmbH, Neuss, a subsidiary of the KSPG Group (Rheinmetall Group), has set up recently with Mikuni Corp., Tokyo, another joint venture for the Chinese market. Through Pierburg Mikuni Pump Technology (Shanghai) Corp., a 100 per cent subsidiary of the joint venture Pierburg Mikuni Pump Technology Corporation, Tokyo, established in 2010, the partners intend to develop, produce and market electric water pumps and variable oil pumps for the Chinese market. The new company is headquartered at the KSPG location in Zhangjiang (Shanghai region).

Pierburg Pump Technology GmbH holds an indirect 51 per cent stake in the new venture through its already existing joint venture with Mikuni in Japan.

Says Udo Nenning, Pres-

ident of Pierburg Pump Technology GmbH: “Together with the existing successful cooperation with Mikuni in Japan and elsewhere in Asia, the new arrangement aims to open up possibilities for us to participate in

the growth of the Chinese auto market. Already, the young company has orders for oil pumps from Chinese automakers”.

In view of the future engine concepts such as hybrid and electric-powered vehicles and the efforts to cut fuel consumption on conventional engines, the use of variable electric pumps for oil and water is a strategy of growing significance. The co-operation aims to open up additional market opportunities for both parties, especially for the electric coolant pump technology introduced by Pierburg.

Mikuni Corp. is well established on the Asian markets, especially for car and motorcycle carburetors, oil and coolant pumps, throttle bodies, actuators and solenoid valves as well as fuel injection components.

Mikuni has production plants in Japan, China and India as well as sales offices around the globe.

Pierburg Pump Technology has specialized in the design and production of electric and mechanical coolant, oil and vacuum pumps for passenger cars and commercial vehicles. The latest designs include variable versions that provide cooling or lubricating on demand and are also used in modern propulsion systems like hybrid cars. ♦

