

maxon motor acquires zub machine control AG.

The drive specialist moves closer to becoming a system provider.

Rothenburg-based zub machine control AG has become part of the maxon motor Group, effective immediately. With this move, maxon is expanding its product portfolio to include intelligent multi-axis controllers, thereby taking a further step toward becoming a one-stop system provider.

Drive specialist maxon motor is acquiring a 100% shareholding in zub machine control AG, based in Rothenburg, Switzerland, with immediate effect. zub specializes in motion control and multi-axis control in the field of industrial automation and generated sales of CHF 3.5 million in 2016. The company's products and 30 years of experience will enrich maxon motor's portfolio in the area of complete system solutions. maxon controllers are perfectly complemented by zub's master controller solutions. As a result, maxon is better placed than ever to offer complete solutions, including power supply (batteries, battery management) from a single source.

The drive specialist is already working on various system integration projects in the fields of electromobility and robotics, for example. The first product from this business area is the maxon BIKEDRIVE, an e-bike solution for pedelecs and s-pedelecs consisting of a rear motor, battery, and the Powergrip (controller).

zub's customers will also benefit

"We are delighted that zub machine control is joining the maxon Group," commented Eugen Elmiger, CEO of maxon motor. Both companies will gain from this move. zub now has a powerful partner behind it, and its customers will benefit from one-stop system solutions, plus the maxon motor Group's worldwide sales network. In turn, maxon motor is expanding its range of products and its expertise. The development of the all-inclusive motion control solutions and the business operations will be synchronized with the specialists at maxon and zub machine control. The executive management of zub will be entrusted to Dr. Uwe Oeftiger, who already heads maxon's advanced robotics & systems business unit. Dieter Bieler, the company's previous general manager, will remain at zub in an advisory role.

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Looking forward to their shared future (left to right): Eugen Elmiger (CEO of maxon motor), Dieter Bieler (zub machine control) and Uwe Oeftiger (new general manager of zub machine control)
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The two new owners of zub machine control AG (left to right): Bianca Braun and Karl-Walter Braun (president of the board of directors of maxon motor group) as well as the former owners Dieter and Kerstin Bieler.
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