

ELSTER: Gas, water, district heating and electricity

At the turn of the year 2003, Ruhrgas Industries GmbH took over the activities of ABB Metering in the field of water and electricity. Throughout the world there are approximately 3800 employees. The turnover in the year 2001 amounted to around 460 million Euros.

The field of gas metering and regulation had a turnover of approximately 600 million Euros in 2002 and employed around 4100 people. That means that Ruhrgas Industries GmbH is now the proud head of by far the largest group of companies in the manufacture of components and systems in the field of energy metering.

Gas, water, district heating and electricity – all under one roof. This situation provides the Group with the wonderful opportunity of meeting the 'multi utility' demands of our customers with our complete product range.

In Germany, the former ABB activities in water, district heating and electricity were covered by the companies ABB Kent Messtechnik GmbH, Germany, and ABB Energiemesstechnik ICM GmbH, Germany. These companies are still responsible for the supply on the German market but the names have changed to ELSTER Messtechnik GmbH and ELSTER Energiemesstechnik ICM respectively.

Future cooperation with ELSTER activities in the German market will be analysed in detail in the next few months. Some concrete overlaps could be found in the areas of water and gas as well as in the marketing of components, the coordination of services and cooperations in complete projects concerning meter park management. In this context, our sales managers will approach our customers directly in order to find out their opinion and, where possible, to exploit development possibilities as soon as possible. We know that the 'multi utility' concept will, in the short and medium term, lead to considerable changes to long-standing structures and processes. We will, of course, gear ourselves for these changes and will adopt the role of consultant or possibly even solve the problems directly. We already have the product and service know-how to do so in every field.

We are convinced that we can continue to look after our customers in a comprehensive and competent manner, no matter what the external circumstances.

- All under one roof! -



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