

Press release

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British Consul General to Germany visits Heraeus in Wallsend

During a visit to Heraeus Quartz UK's facility in Wallsend, Malcolm Scott, the new British Consul General to Germany, learned about the production of quartz glass block material for semiconductor applications, which Heraeus supplies particularly to Asian markets.

Dr. Martin Arndt, Managing Director of Heraeus Quartz UK, welcomed Malcolm Scott. Following a tour of the facility, he briefed his guest on the Heraeus Group's activities in Great Britain. Their discussion centered on the challenges of the current fiscal and economic crisis as well as the new strategic and technological demands facing the quartz glass business. In response, the company has sharpened its focus on its core business of producing quartz glass from synthetic and natural raw materials. With this approach, Heraeus aims to strengthen its global leadership in key customer markets such as the semiconductor and telecommunications industries, thereby also ensuring its continued profitable growth. To implement this realignment, Heraeus is investing £1.6 million in modernizing its facilities this year.

Heraeus took over the Wallsend site, along with subsidiaries in Korea and Japan, when it acquired the quartz glass block material and Spectrosil® business of Saint-Gobain Quartz Ltd. at the end of October 2008. The Wallsend plant produces flame fused quartz block material that is used to manufacture single-wafer components and other products.

Heraeus Quarzglas is a technology leader in the manufacturing of high purity quartz materials and advanced quartz components. Heraeus Quarzglas is a managing company within the Heraeus Group, a precious metals and technology company headquartered in Hanau, Germany.

Heraeus, the precious metals and technology group headquartered in Hanau, Germany, is a global, private company with over 155 years of tradition. Our businesses include precious metals, sensors, dental and medical products, quartz glass and specialty lighting sources. With product revenues approaching € 3 billion and precious metal trading revenues of € 13 billion, as well as nearly 13,000 employees in more than 110 companies worldwide, Heraeus holds a leading position in its global markets.

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