

Axtone Group acquired by ITT Inc.

Dear All,

it is my pleasure to inform you, that IK Investment Partners and ITT have signed an agreement to sell Axtone Group to ITT Inc. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2017, subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of appropriate regulatory approvals.

ITT is a diversified leading manufacturer of highly engineered critical components and customized technology solutions for the energy, transportation and industrial markets. Founded in 1920, ITT is headquartered in White Plains, New York, with around 9,700 employees in more than 35 countries and sales in a total of approximately 125 countries. The company generated 2015 revenues of US\$2.5 billion.

Since IK Investment Partners acquired Axtone in 2008 the company has made a fantastic development. With ITT, IK Investment Partners have now found a very strong new shareholder for Axtone Group. ITT shares the same values and organizational cultures as Axtone, focused on innovation and engineering, it is a perfect fit for the Group. ITT has made a strategic decision to enhancing their global leadership position in railway components with Axtone. With a new shareholder, Axtone Group opens for new opportunities.

 Please join me in welcoming ITT as a new future shareholder.

Best regards,
Oliver Feicks
President, CEO