

ZENNER is expanding its smart product portfolio and to this end it is taking over the Energy business sector from the Italian specialist for smart gas meters Alfa Centauri S.p.A.

On December 5, 2017 ZENNER will take over the Energy business sector from the Italian specialist for smart gas meters Alfa Centauri S.p.A., thus further expanding its position in the international Smart Meter market. The new Company will be registered in future as ZENNER Gas S.r.l. and will move the headquarters from Fara Filiorum Petri in Italy to Pescara.

December 2017, Saarbrücken, Pescara – With its takeover of the Energy business sector of Alfa Centauri S.p.A. ZENNER is setting another milestone in its global digitalisation. ZENNER has already been offering smart water meters, heat meters and heat cost allocators for several years, using wireless m-bus technology and based on LPWAN radio technology for the Internet of Things (IoT). The ZENNER product family is now being expanded to include new, smart gas meters with innovative communication modules by the newly formed Company ZENNER Gas. ZENNER is already one of the largest global producers of gas meters with an annual production of approximately 3 million gas meters. “With the new Company ZENNER Gas S.r.l. we are putting ourselves in a position to be able to offer our customers intelligent gas meters with IoT technology such as LoRaWAN in addition to smart water meters, heat meters and heat cost allocators. These solutions are an important element on the way to the digitalised energy and utilities industry”, explains Alexander Lehmann, Managing Director of the Minol-ZENNER Group.

Alfa Centauri was established in 2006 and is an internationally recognised supplier of innovative remote reading technology for smart gas meters. Beyond this the company also offers its customers services in the sectors of remote meter reading, data management and consumption settlement as well as the remote reading and administration of gas tanks. Besides France, the UK and the Netherlands, Italy is also one of the few major EU markets to decide in favour of the obligatory introduction of intelligent gas meters. Several million smart gas meters have already been installed to date. Experience from this rollout, in which

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Alfa Centauri played an important planning role, has been integrated successfully into the company's product development.



Caption: Contract agreement (left to right): Minol Managing Director Zeljko Petrina, Minol-ZENNER Managing Director Alexander Lehmann, Mario Tabellario, Managing Director of ZENNER Gas, Mauro Scioli from Alfa Centauri and Renata Gregori, Managing Director of ZENNER Italia S.r.l. **Source:** Minol-ZENNER Group

About ZENNER

ZENNER International GmbH & Co. KG, headquartered in Saarbrücken, develops, produces and distributes measurement technology for global markets. The portfolio includes residential, building and bulk water meters, gas meters and modern system technology such as radio and m-bus systems. Since 2016 ZENNER has also applied its digitalisation strategy to innovative system solutions based on Internet of Things (IoT) technology, from project development and measurement data recording and processing through to applications for the final user. Since May 1, 2017 the newly established ZENNER IoT Solutions GmbH, based in Hamburg, has also been part of the company group. ZENNER IoT Solutions GmbH specialises in the development of customer-specific IoT applications. The main clients of ZENNER are energy providers and public utilities but also industrial companies, wholesalers and meter-reading companies. ZENNER has production facilities in Europe, Asia and the USA and is represented in more than 30 locations around the world. The company was established in 1903 and has been part of the family-run company group Minol-ZENNER since 2005. Minol and ZENNER have more than 3,200 employees around the world. For more information see: www.zenner.com.

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