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## Pepperl+Fuchs Acquires Walsall Limited

**Mannheim, December 2009: Pepperl+Fuchs, the world's leading manufacturer of electronic sensors and international market leader in the area of intrinsically safe explosion protection, has acquired Walsall Ltd., a company incorporated in the United Kingdom. With this acquisition, Pepperl+Fuchs intends to expand the Process Automation Division to include expertise in the development and manufacture of electromechanical equipment for use in hazardous areas.**

In December 2009, Pepperl+Fuchs GmbH acquired Walsall Ltd. Walsall's headquarters is located in the West Midlands region of England and specializes in the development, certification and production of electromechanical products for use in hazardous areas. The company's hundred plus year heritage dates back to the early days of Walsall Conduits PLC, which once dominated the world in electromechanical explosion protection equipment.

Walsall's main products are based around enclosures in the increased safety, intrinsic safety and flameproof protection classes with approvals for the integration of a wide range of electrical apparatus. Enclosures are available in a variety of materials, including stainless and mild steel, fiberglass reinforced plastic, aluminum, and cast metal. All product ranges are certified for use as a combination if more complex system solutions are required. As a complement to the core products, other product ranges include lighting, signaling equipment, emergency shutdown equipment, and installation accessories such as cable glands, thread conversion adaptors, stopping plugs and breather drain devices, which can all be used in hazardous areas.

In order to ensure continued market growth, Walsall was delighted to enter into cooperation with Pepperl+Fuchs, a company having a well-established distribution organization. Through the acquisition of Walsall Ltd., Pepperl+Fuchs will expand its existing process automation product range and enter the electromechanical explosion protection market.

By combining the product and manufacturing strengths of Walsall with the expertise and sales network of Pepperl+Fuchs, this vertical integration will allow us to respond to our customers' requirements faster and with more comprehensive components and solutions.

## **About Pepperl+Fuchs**

Pepperl+Fuchs is a leading developer and manufacturer of electronic sensors and components for the global automation market. For more than 60 years, our constant innovation, high quality products, and steady growth have guaranteed us continued success.

### **Pepperl+Fuchs – PROTECTING YOUR PROCESS**

The Process Automation Division is a market leader in intrinsically safe explosion protection components. We offer comprehensive, application oriented system solutions, including customer specific control cabinet solutions for the process industry. A large selection of components are available from our various product lines: isolation barriers, fieldbus infrastructure, remote I/O systems, HART interface solutions, level technology, purge & pressurization systems, corrosion monitoring, power supplies and alarm systems for oil and grease separators, signaling equipment, lighting, emergency shutdown equipment and accessories.

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## **About Walsall Limited**

Walsall Conduits (now Walsall Ltd.) was established in 1892 in Walsall, England. Walsall has been developing and producing electrical apparatus for use in hazardous areas since 1920 and continues to expand its expertise in this field. Walsall products are renowned for their high quality can be found all over the world. The reliability and durability of Walsall products make them a popular choice in the process industry. Their multi-certified product range includes terminal enclosures and junction boxes, local control stations, panels and systems, fluorescence, HID and emergency lighting, complex control systems, and a comprehensive range of installation and thread adaptation accessories and entry devices for use in potentially explosive environments.

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Fig. 1: GVU Junction Box from Walsall Ltd.