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## Alliance to supply large pipe lines

**Product spectrum of “Pipe Alliance” between Schuler and Weldec ranges from stand-alone machines and production lines to modernizations**

*Göppingen/Erndtebrück, February 25, 2014* – The Göppingen-based press manufacturer Schuler and plant construction company WELDEC of Erndtebrück near Siegen, Germany, have forged an alliance to supply equipment to pipe mills. Under the name “Pipe Alliance”, the two companies will offer a range of solutions for the production of large longitudinal welded pipes (LSAW), which are needed for example for the construction of pipelines. The product spectrum ranges from stand-alone machines and production lines to the modernization and overhauling of equipment.

“The cooperation will enable us to design and install the best-possible solution for efficient pipe production,” explained Weldec CEO Jörg Heinrich. “This means we can guarantee optimal processes and economic production start-ups.” Schuler’s Managing Director Dr. Martin Habert added: “This alliance offers customers around the world an unparalleled level of performance, aimed at ensuring the sustainable and economic production of top-quality pipes.”

Schuler has many decades of experience in hydraulic press construction and project management while Weldec has know-how in the set-up, commissioning and modernization of LSAW production plants. Together, they make ideal partners. Thanks to Schuler's global presence, Weldec and its sales partner will now be available as a contact partner for customers in numerous time zones and languages– even after projects have been completed.

*Schuler will be showcasing its products at the Tube trade show in Düsseldorf (Stand C10, Hall 6) from April 7 to 11, 2014.*

### **Captions**

Bild1.jpg: Under the name "Pipe Alliance", Schuler and Weldec have forged an alliance to supply equipment to pipe mills.\*

Bild2.jpg: Weldec outside welding system for the production of LSAW large pipes, which are needed for the construction of pipelines.\*\*

Bild3.jpg: Schuler has many decades of experience in the construction of hydraulic presses and industrial plants.\*

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**About the Schuler Group – [www.schulergroup.com](http://www.schulergroup.com)**

*As the technological and global market leader in metal and plastic forming equipment, Schuler offers cutting edge presses, automation, dies, process know-how and services for the entire metal forming industry and lightweight vehicle construction. Its clients include car manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as companies in the forging, household equipment, packaging, energy and electrical industries. Schuler is the market leader in coin minting technology and supplies systems solutions for the aerospace, railway and large pipes industries. The company can trace its roots back to a locksmith shop founded by Louis Schuler in 1839 and celebrates its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014. In fiscal year 2012/13 (ending Sep. 30), Schuler posted sales of € 1,185.9 million. With 5,600 employees, Schuler is represented in 40 nations around the world. The Austrian ANDRITZ Group holds a majority share in Schuler.*

**About WELDEC GmbH – [www.weldec.de](http://www.weldec.de)**

*WELDEC GmbH can look back on many years of engineering experience, especially in the field of submerged arc welding technology for circumferential and longitudinal welds. As a member of the EEW Group (Erndtebrücker Eisenwerk GmbH & Co. KG), the company develops individual complete solutions for pipe producers as well as for tank, pressure vessel and apparatus manufacturers, pipeline constructions, offshore and onshore windmill tower construction and structural steelwork engineering.*