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Integrated Assembly Solutions achieves record growth again in 2018

Frankfurt, April 3, 2019 – Integrated Assembly Solutions (IAS), a sub-sector of the robotics and automation industry, continued its growth course in 2018. The turnover of the manufacturers of components and systems for assembly and handling technology from Germany last year rose by 9 percent to a total of 8.3 billion euros and thus grew for the fifth time consecutively. Between 2013 and 2018, Integrated Assembly Solutions increased its sales by 43 percent (on average by 7.5 percent per year).

Despite a decline in incoming orders in December, a very good result was achieved. It is also positive that demand from European countries continued to rise in 2018. The development of IAS in 2019 will depend on several external factors of the global economy. For Germany, and for Europe, protectionism, Brexit and trade conflicts pose a danger that can severely affect the export-dependent mechanical engineering industry and thus IAS. In addition, one of the most important IAS customer segments, the automotive industry, is undergoing change. Due to the above-mentioned uncertainties and the already high starting basis, IAS expects moderate growth for 2019.

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Do you have any questions? Etienne Axmann, Director of VDMA IAS, will be happy to answer them: 069 6603 1530, etienne.axmann@vdma.org.

The VDMA represents more than 3200 companies in the mechanical and plant engineering sector. With 1.3 million employees in Germany and a turnover of 232 billion euros (2018), the sector is the largest industrial employer and one of the leading German branches of industry overall.