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## **SFS solidifies its innovation leadership in riveting technology**

**The launch of “Flow Drilling Rivet<sup>®</sup>” technology under the GESIPA<sup>®</sup> brand strengthens SFS’s leading position in the market for blind rivet solutions. This patent-protected innovation offers much faster cycle times and adds significant value for customers.**

At SFS, the convergence of demanding customer requirements and its extensive in-house technology and process expertise is a breeding ground for exceptional ideas. The Riveting division, which sells its products under the GESIPA<sup>®</sup> brand, is the latest example of this. It has developed a new product innovation that offers customers significant advantages.

The “Flow Drilling Rivet<sup>®</sup>” (FDR<sup>®</sup>) is a lightweight blind rivet that drills its own hole during the installation process. In other words, the FDR<sup>®</sup> system combines the pre-drilling and installation process in a single step. This shortens the entire fastening process and optimizes costs, which represents considerable value added for the customer. The German Patent and Trademark Office has granted SFS a patent for its “Flow Drilling Rivet<sup>®</sup>”.

### **About SFS Group**

SFS is a global market leader for mechanical fastening systems and precision formed components. SFS Group is organised into three business segments Engineered Components, Fastening Systems und Distribution & Logistics which represent the three business models. In the **Engineered Components** segment, SFS partners with customers to develop and manufacture customer-specific precision formed components, fastening solutions and assemblies. The segment operates in the Automotive, Electronics and Industrial divisions and sells its products under the SFS intec (Automotive, Industrial) and Unisteel (Electronics) brands. In the **Fastening Systems** segment, consisting of the Construction and the Riveting divisions, SFS develops, manufactures and markets application-specific mechanical fastening systems under the SFS intec (Construction) and GESIPA (Riveting) brands. In the **Distribution & Logistics** segment with the SFS unimarket brand, SFS is a leading provider of fasteners, tools and architectural hardware as well as innovative logistics solutions in Switzerland. SFS Group is a global player with manufacturing sites and distribution companies at more than 70 locations in 25 countries around the world. Sales in business year 2015 amounted to CHF 1.376 bn and the work force numbered approximately 8,300.

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