

### **OKO Venture Capital divests Keycast (FI)**

20 September 2007 - The shares of Keycast Oy have been acquired by The Riverside Company and former owners Antti Lehtonen, Simo Jutila, Fredrik Ivansson and Liisa Aalto.

Sellers were OKO Venture Capital Oy and the five private owners.

The exchanged ownership has no impact in activities, client relations or personnel.

- With Riverside as our trusted partner, our leadership position will become even stronger, says Simo Jutila, Group Chief Executive Officer, Keycast. We will intensify our research and development efforts and as a result, we will bring more specialized products to the market, deepening current relationships and reaching new customers. We will be able to produce far beyond the customized solutions we currently offer today.

- Riverside's partnership with this sophisticated and focused player in a healthy and sustainable niche market will enable the company to continue to grow, says Tony Cabral, Riverside Managing Partner in Europe.

As a group, Keycast was founded in 1999 although the four separate foundries have more than 300 years of steel casting experience. The company is differentiated from its competition by having focus on complex, sophisticated solutions and its advanced metal handling. Each of the four foundries, located in Finland and Sweden, uses different alloys, separate production technology and serves a unique customer segment. Combi Wear Parts, the wholly owned subsidiary of Keycast, manufacture and sell their own patented and branded wear part systems for the dredging, construction and mining industries.

The annual turnover of the group is 50 millions euro, the number of employees 270, and the production volume will exceed 10.000 tons in 2007.

The Riverside Company is the largest private equity firm focused on the smaller end of the middle market and is one of the industry's most experienced leveraged buyout investors. Since 1988, the firm has invested in more than 100 transactions in the U.S. and Europe. The current portfolio companies have an annual sale of \$3.0 billions and more than 11.000 employees. The head office of The Riverside Company is located in New York with 14 offices worldwide ([www.riversidecompany.com](http://www.riversidecompany.com)).

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