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- **SPRiNTUS is an innovative supplier of high-quality products for the professional cleaning market**
- **Together with Kapital 1852, the management team will continue to drive internationalisation in the future through new partners and strengthening the international sales team**
- **The product portfolio will be continuously expanded, especially in the segment of safety vacuum cleaners in various hazardous material classes with a focus on the craft sector**

Dusseldorf, 11 January 2023 – The Kapital 1852 SCS SICAV-SIF Equity Invest IV "MidCapPlus" fund managed by the investment company Kapital 1852 Beratungs GmbH ("Kapital 1852") has acquired a majority stake in SPRiNTUS GmbH ("SPRiNTUS"). SPRiNTUS, based in Welzheim, is one of Germany's leading manufacturers of electric and battery-powered cleaning equipment as well as manual cleaning equipment for mainly professional users. The company specialises

in dry vacuums, floor cleaning equipment and wet/dry vacuums for the commercial cleaning market and, since 2022, also in safety vacuums for craft and industrial applications. In addition, SPRiNTUS offers a wide range of manual cleaning equipment, consumables and accessories.

SPRiNTUS has successfully entered a new market segment with high growth potential with the introduction of innovative and high-quality safety vacuums in 2022. The Craftix safety vacuums open up significant growth potential with new end customer groups in trade and industry. In the crisis-resistant market for building cleaning products, the SPRiNTUS brand is already well established. Thanks to excellent products with a very good price-performance ratio, innovative solutions, outstanding customer service and high product availability, more and further market shares are being gained.

SPRiNTUS founder Holger Lepold is also convinced of the company's long-term successful positioning and will therefore continue to hold a significant stake in SPRiNTUS in the future: "With Kapital 1852, we have found the ideal partner to accelerate the growth of SPRiNTUS and to further promote the internationalisation of the company. Our common drive is to set new standards in the industry through high quality, innovation and sustainability," says Holger Lepold.

"The annual growth of more than 25 per cent since SPRiNTUS was founded has impressed us very much. We are very pleased to accompany SPRiNTUS on its further growth path together with the two very experienced managing directors Holger Lepold and Ermin Fazlic", adds Eberhard von Streng, Partner of Kapital 1852.

Kapital 1852 was advised on this transaction by CMS Hasche Sigle (legal), H&Z Unternehmensberatung (commercial due diligence), Crowe BPG (finance and tax) and Deutsche Mittelstandsmakler (insurance). Responsible for the transaction at Kapital 1852 are Eberhard von Streng, Antonio Cherubini and Conrad Winnecken. The seller was advised on the transaction by Carl Finance (M&A), Deutsche Mittelstandsfinanz (M&A), Schadbach Rechtsanwälte (legal) and Striebich & Partner (tax).

About SPRiNTUS:

SPRiNTUS GmbH founded in 2006, is based in Welzheim, Baden-Württemberg and has 66 employees. SPRiNTUS is a leading supplier of professional cleaning machines and manual cleaning equipment for predominantly commercial applications in the German market. The company has established itself as a price-performance leader for cleaning equipment with high quality and innovative features. The product portfolio includes 150 different items in the areas of dry vacuums, wet/dry vacuums, safety vacuums, floor cleaning and manual cleaning. SPRiNTUS is characterised

above all by high-quality and innovative products, a unique price-performance ratio of the products as well as a powerful distribution. This development competence is underpinned by 16 patents, 11 utility models and 8 protected designs.

Find out more: www.sprintus.eu/en

About Kapital 1852:

Kapital 1852 is the independent investment manager in the Private Markets division of Hauck Aufhäuser Lampe Privatbank AG with a direct investment fund in the Private Equity segment as well as funds of funds in the Venture Capital and Private Debt segments. The direct investment strategy of Kapital 1852's Private Equity unit focuses on the structuring and financing of corporate successions, the acquisition of corporate entities and the expansion financing of small and medium-sized enterprises. In its direct investments, Kapital 1852 pursues an entrepreneurial and constructive value enhancement approach with consistent involvement of the management teams. The direct investment fund SCS SICAV-SIF Equity Invest IV "MidCapPlus" has been in existence since November 2020 and has already made five investments. Most recently in Kübler, the innovation leader for energy- and CO2-saving hall heating systems, and May, a leading furniture provider in the hospitality segment.

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