

BigRep STUDIO Goes into Serial Production: MADE IN GERMANY

BigRep announces strategic production partner in Heidelberg Digital Platforms for production of the STUDIO large-scale 3D printer

Berlin, October 25th 2017. Berlin's innovative spirit meets digital machine construction for industrial 3D print solutions "made in Germany". Technology company BigRep today announced its collaboration with Heidelberg Digital Platforms, a division of Heidelberg Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg), to build the BigRep STUDIO 3D printer. Following thousands of print hours and extensive beta testing, construction of the new machines began this month.

For Kreuzberg-based BigRep, a specialist in large-format 3D printing solutions for professional and industrial applications, the cooperation with Heidelberg is an important strategic step on the way to becoming the world's leading supplier of additive manufacturing systems. BigRep stands to benefit from Heidelberg's know-how in industrialization, product validation and flexible production.

"The strategic partnership with Heidelberg gives us the opportunity to focus on efficiently developing our portfolio," says Dr. Stephan Beyer, CFO of BigRep. Josef Schell, Head of Digital Platforms at Heidelberg, added: "With this cooperation, we're contributing to the development of industrial 3D printing, as well as the digitalisation of traditional production processes."

Heidelberg is assembling the 3D printing systems for BigRep at its Wiesloch-Walldorf location. The partnership includes logistics for delivery to customers worldwide, including order management "as a service", and is expected to result in a significant increase in efficiency. It will also considerably reduce time-to-market for the STUDIO, allowing BigRep to concentrate on marketing and customer support for this latest product.

The new BigRep STUDIO sets new standards in terms of speed, precision and reliability. Its newly developed print head extruder can process a variety of high-temperature filaments and flexible materials. Due to its perfect combination of design, size and functionality, the BigRep STUDIO is ideal for use in smaller workspaces, such as studios or offices.

About BigRep:

BigRep is a technology start-up based in Berlin with offices in New York and Singapore, which develops and manufactures the world's largest 3D printers. One of the ground-breaking developments of the company founded in 2014 is the BigRep ONE, which is supplemented by the smaller BigRep STUDIO. Interdisciplinarity and well-founded experience in the field of additive manufacturing characterizes the multinational team of BigRep, now comprised of more than 70 employees. In addition to new products, the Berlin company is now concentrating on complete solutions for industrial customers in the form of integrated additive manufacturing systems. One example is the TNO project, which is scheduled to be released in Summer 2018. The goal of the highly innovative engineering company is to revolutionize design, prototyping and industrial production from the ground up. Over the next five years, BigRep wants to become a leading supplier of additive manufacturing systems.

About Heidelberg:

For over 160 years, Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG has been a reliable partner with a high degree of innovative power for the global printing industry. Its mission is to shape the industry's digital future. Heidelberg always has the effects of the general digitalization of society in mind: from mass production to individualization. With the customer in focus, the company has aligned its portfolio with the growth areas of the industry. It is based on products for prepress, printing and finishing, service and consumables, as well as software solutions, with a strong focus on a digital future. In addition to the printing industry, Heidelberg is also addressing industrial customers of various industries with Heidelberg Digital Platforms.

With a market share of more than 40 percent for sheet-fed offset presses, Heidelberg was able to consolidate its position as market and technology leader in the printing industry during the current financial year. Consolidated sales amounted to around € 2.5 billion in the 2016/2017 financial year. A total of around 11,500 employees together with sales partners at a total of 250 locations in 170 countries ensure the implementation of customer wishes and ongoing development on the market.

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