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### The MBtech Group cooperates with PikeTec GmbH

Strategic partnership for a comprehensive tool chain and optimal software verification

**The MBtech Group, one of the world's leading engineering and consulting service providers, will further expand its cooperation with PikeTec GmbH as part of a strategic partnership. The cooperation is aimed towards joint engineering and software development projects by MBtech's electronics solutions segment and PikeTec GmbH in the software verification field.**

The presidents of the two companies signed a letter of intent on June 16, 2009 at the Automotive Testing Expo Europe. The cooperation agreed therein has the aim of strengthening the existing expert knowledge and application know-how in the tool development as well as in the software verification fields. In addition to a number of joint engineering projects, the cooperation also covers the continuing integration of PikeTec's TPT testing tool into MBtech's PROVEtech tool suite. Together, the electronics solutions segment at MBtech and PikeTec can thus offer their customers a comprehensive tool chain, and competent solutions for verifying and validating E&E components from a single supplier. The pilot project phase of the cooperation has already begun.

"The strategic partnership with PikeTec is extremely important for us", stated Dr. Dirk Walliser, the Head of MBtech Group's electronics solutions segment. "In the electrical and electronics fields our two companies possess a largely complementary range of services and customers. Our focal areas in the tool development field also compliment each other. This makes us equal partners who profit from the mutual support and can offer the optimal products and services together." Comprehensive validation tools are becoming steadily more important as software testing activities take place at an ever earlier stage in the development process, and require an increasing level of planning in combination with subsequent Hil tests and vehicle testing. "This is precisely the right moment to intensify the cooperation with an expert such as PikeTec", explained Walliser.

PikeTec GmbH has its headquarters in Berlin, and is active in the tool development and services fields as well as in software evaluation and quality assurance for embedded software. The company accompanies the software development projects for technical steering and control systems, providing consulting services, and developing specialized tools which increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the development processes.

## **About the MBtech Group**

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MBtech offers comprehensive, integrated expertise along the product creation process and the product life cycle. The brand MBtech covers all products and services in four segments: MBtech vehicle engineering, MBtech powertrain solutions, MBtech electronics solutions and MBtech consulting. MBtech electronics solutions provides complete solutions and special services in the automotive electronics field. Thanks to its extensive technological and process know-how ranging from the components onward to networked vehicle systems, MBtech is capable of handling the development and series support of the electrical and electronics systems.

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