

## ***Romaco Group sold to DBAG***

At the end of March, Robbins & Myers, Inc (R&M) announced that it had sold Romaco Group to Deutsche Beteiligungs AG (DBAG) and its managed closed-end private equity Fund V in a management buyout. The purchase price was €61M. Frankfurt-based DBAG is a leading publicly listed private equity company and, with a track record of 45 years, is among the oldest private equity firms in Germany. Its policy is to invest in successful companies whose products and services have gained them outstanding positions in their markets. DBAG has some €850M under management.

Dr Rolf Scheffells, member of the management board of DBAG, commented: “Romaco creates an excellent opportunity for us to invest in one of the most attractive and strongly growing segments in Europe’s mechanical engineering sector. In partnering with Romaco’s management, we aim to take a major step forward in the Group’s internationalisation, based on its benchmark technologies.” The acquisition is conditional on the approval of the German anti-trust authorities and is expected to be completed by the end of April.

Romaco is a leading global supplier of processing and packaging equipment. Divided into two business areas for processing and packaging, the company develops systems solutions for the pharmaceutical, cosmetics, food and chemical industries. The processing sector, represented by FrymaKoruma, resides at two sites in Neuenburg, Germany, and Rheinfelden, Switzerland. The product range of this single-source supplier includes primary and secondary packaging, sterile liquid and powder filling, process technology and wet grinding. More than 50,000 machines built by Romaco are currently being used in more than 130 countries around the globe. Some 450 staff support and supply to customers worldwide. [www.romaco.com](http://www.romaco.com)