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## KLÖCKNER & CO LAUNCHES CONVERTIBLE BOND OFFERING

**Duisburg, December 16, 2010** – The Management Board of Klöckner & Co SE ("Klöckner & Co") resolved today, with consent of the Supervisory Board, to issue unsubordinated unsecured convertible bonds (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be issued by Klöckner & Co Financial Services S.A. (the "Issuer"), a wholly-owned Luxembourg subsidiary of Klöckner & Co, guaranteed by Klöckner & Co, and will be convertible into new or existing shares of Klöckner & Co. The Bonds will be offered only to institutional investors outside of the U.S. The pre-emptive rights of shareholders of Klöckner & Co to subscribe to the Bonds are excluded. Klöckner & Co intends to use the proceeds from the issue of the Bonds for its stated external expansion strategy "Klöckner & Co 2020" and general corporate purposes.

The offering size will be approximately EUR 185 million with up to 6,650,000 shares underlying the Bonds. The Bonds will have a maturity of 7 years and will be issued at 100% of the principal amount. Settlement and delivery of the Bonds are expected to take place on 22 December 2010 (the "Settlement Date"). The conversion price will be set at a premium between 30 % and 35 % above the volume weighted average XETRA price of Klöckner & Co's shares between the time the Management Board resolved on the issue of the Bonds and the final allotment which is also intended to take place later today. The coupon is expected to be between 2.50 % and 3.00 % per annum and, as the conversion premium, will be determined during a bookbuilding process planned to take place today. Holders of the Bonds will be entitled to require an early redemption of the Bonds on the fifth anniversary after the Settlement Date at the principal amount together with accrued interest. The Issuer cannot call the Bonds for redemption before



the fifth anniversary of the Settlement Date, and thereafter only if the share price of Klöckner & Co (over a specified period) exceeds 130% of the then prevailing conversion price.

Klöckner & Co intends to include the Bonds to trading in the Open Market (Freiverkehr) segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

Credit Suisse and Goldman Sachs International are acting as Joint Bookrunners, Joint Lead-Managers and sole syndicate members for the offering.

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The shares of Klöckner & Co SE are admitted to trading on the regulated market segment (Regulierter Markt) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Frankfurter Wertpapierbörse) with further post-admission obligations (Prime Standard). Klöckner & Co shares are listed in the MDAX®-Index of Deutsche Börse.

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