



PRESS RELEASE

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FILTROX EXPANDS PRESENCE IN NORTH AMERICA

Purchase of 100% of the Shares of FILTROX Columbia de México SA de CV

FILTROX has strengthened its presence in North America. On October 14th, FILTROX Holding AG has purchased the remaining shares of FILTROX Columbia de México SA de CV from the original founding families Plasencia and Velazquez. FILTROX has held a majority participation in this company since 2013. Its state-of-the-art production facility in Tlalnepantla, Mexico already manufactures filter media and filter equipment at high quality levels for FILTROX customers all over the world.

The new ownership structure will allow an even better integration of the Tlalnepantla manufacturing facility into the global supply network of FILTROX. Its location is ideal for our customers in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America for whom it has offered a close and stable source for FILTROX filter media for many years. FILTROX plans to expand the capacity of the plant in the coming years with significant investments.

The plant was originally founded as Columbia Filter Co. de México SA de CV by Fernando Plasencia and Rafael Velázquez in 1970. Over the years it had gained a large market share in Mexico for depth filter media and corresponding equipment. In 2011, it became part of the FILTROX Group in form of a joint venture, allowing it to continuously expand its international presence. FILTROX has now purchased all remaining shares from the heirs of the late Fernando Plasencia and from Rafael Velázquez and his children and is now 100% owner of FILTROX Columbia de Mexico SA de CV. The effective date of the transaction is October 14, 2021. The parties agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

Fernando Plasencia Jr. and Rafael Velázquez Jr., sons of one of the original founders, comment: *"We are happy to see that the company our fathers started over 50 years ago is still going strong and its legacy will live on under the new ownership."*

Dr. Cristian Rusch, CEO of the FILTROX Group adds: *"We thank the Plasencia and Velázquez families for the good partnership over the past ten years. Their entrepreneurial spirit has made the company a leading manufacturer of depth filtration systems. We will make sure that its success story will continue into the future."*

Ruben Simarro, Managing Director of FILTROX Columbia comments: *"I am very thankful of what we achieved in the last years with our team of dedicated employees and I look forward to the continued expansion of our plant in Tlalnepantla as an integral part of the FILTROX Group."*

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FILTROX (www.filtrox.com) is a world-leading company in depth filtration of valuable liquids headquartered in St.Gallen, Switzerland. It was founded in 1938 and is still family-owned. FILTROX has grown to a total of 280 employees worldwide with subsidiaries in Switzerland, Germany, France, England, Spain, Czech Republic, United States, Mexico, China and Singapore. FILTROX develops, manufactures and sells high-quality depth filtration systems to customers in the pharmaceutical, biotech, beverage, food, and foodservices industries around the world.



Mexican Shareholders after the Signing Ceremony

Standing, from left to right: Rafael Alberto Velázquez Ávila, Rolando Octavio Velázquez Ávila, Rafael Octavio Velázquez Ruíz, Rubén Simarro Dorado
Sitting, from left to right: María Guadalupe Velázquez Ávila, Margarita Graciela Ávila Pineda, Linda Patricia Plasencia Acevedo, Luis Fernando Plascencia Acevedo