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### **Hueck Folien Acquires WaveFront Technology: Strategic Move Towards Technological Leadership In The Field Of Security Features**

**Baumgartenberg, January 21, 2026 – Hueck Folien is consistently pursuing its growth course: With the acquisition of WaveFront Technology LLC, the Austrian specialist for film coatings is substantially expanding its technological capacities and positioning itself as a full-liner in the global security market. The new development and production site in Los Angeles will provide the family enterprise with access to strategic future technologies, thus strengthening its position as an independent feature supplier.**

With WaveFront Technology, Hueck Folien is acquiring a highly specialized partner for the origination of custom micro and nanostructures with more than 30 years of experience in the development and manufacture of optical grade micro-structures. With its current team of 30 employees, the site in Paramount, California will be integrated into the Hueck Folien Group as a fully-fledged development and production location. "We have long envisioned partnering with a global leader in the banknote and security document industry. We believe Hueck Folien embodies the ideal combination of market leadership, technical depth, and collaborative culture to elevate the considerable technology WaveFront Technology has developed over the past 30+ years. Together, we are uniting complementary strengths to shape the next generation of innovation in security banknote printing worldwide," commented Chris Rich, CTO of WaveFront Technology LLC. At the same time, Hueck Folien continues to invest in state-of-the-art technologies at its Baumgartenberg site and is strategically expanding both locations.

#### **Technological Independence As Strategic Asset**

The acquisition marks a deliberate move in the competition for technological leadership: By internalizing future technologies, Hueck Folien is securing its long-term strategic independence, allowing the company to respond even more flexibly to customer needs. "The expertise and IP portfolio of security features of our new colleagues in Los Angeles is vital for the further development of Hueck Folien," emphasizes Christoph Steger, CEO of Hueck Folien GmbH. "This will give us access to innovative future technologies, particularly for the banknote market, and will strengthen our position as an independent feature supplier. Nevertheless, to round off our portfolio, we will continue to collaborate with various partners and manufacturers of originations worldwide."

#### **Partner For The Most Secure Currencies And Documents Around The Globe**

Currently one third of the world's currencies feature security solutions from Hueck Folien, including the Euro and the Swiss Franc. As a supplier to leading banknote manufacturers, the company provides high-quality films with complex security features. With WaveFront Technology, Hueck Folien is further expanding its offerings to include luxury packaging, trading cards, lighting, and special optical applications – markets that also demand the highest level of technological precision.

#### **Integration Supported By Baumgartenberg**

With regular on-site presence of key personnel from Baumgartenberg, Hueck Folien will support and accompany the integration of the new site in Paramount. Company founders Chris Rich and Joel Petersen will remain on board, ensuring continuity for WaveFront Technology and the preservation of the expertise and in-depth market knowledge that have made the company successful.



## Growth Course: Innovation And Technology

The acquisition of WaveFront Technology follows the commissioning of the state-of-the-art high-vacuum metallization facility in November 2025, underscoring Hueck Folien's ambitious growth strategy. The family business is systematically investing in cutting-edge technologies, thereby positioning itself as an innovative technology leader in its core markets. "We still have a lot to do," affirms Christoph Steger. "This acquisition is a major milestone, and we are eager to keep pushing forward."

## About Hueck Folien

Hueck Folien is a global specialist for visually sophisticated and functional surface coatings in the security, labeling and design markets. Since 1970, the family-owned business has stood for stability, quality and innovative strength. With their passion for excellence, 300 employees at the location in Baumgartenberg (Austria) are contributing to an ongoing success story. The company develops and manufactures its high-quality product solutions in Austria and is continuously investing in novel technologies. [www.hueck-folien.com](http://www.hueck-folien.com)

## About WaveFront Technology

WaveFront Technology, LLC – based in Paramount, California – has been a leader in optical innovation since 1986, specializing in nano- and micro-structured optical features for security, packaging, lighting, aerospace, and display applications. With their commitment to precision and innovation, 30+ professionals at their state-of-the-art facility in Paramount (USA) are advancing the future of optical technology. The company designs and manufactures high-performance microstructures. WaveFront's integrated approach – combining microstructure origination, tooling, manufacturing, and R&D under one roof – enables scalable solutions trusted by global leaders. [www.wftinc.com](http://www.wftinc.com)



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