

THE BUFFET CRAMPON GROUP ACQUIRES THE GERMAN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURER SCHREIBER, KEILWERTH & YORK

Mantes La Ville, France August 1, 2010 – Buffet Crampon, top musical instrument manufacturer and world leader in clarinets is acquiring the Schreiber and Keilwerth company the internationally renowned German musical instrument manufacturer and manufacturer of York Brass

The Buffet Crampon Group, headed by Antoine Beaussant, is acquiring all the assets of the German manufacturer Schreiber & Keilwerth, which had filed for insolvency in March 2010. The new Buffet Crampon Deutschland GmbH will continue the W. Schreiber & Julius Keilwerth brands which are part of the European musical heritage.

The area of Markneukirchen has a long tradition in musical instruments manufacturing. The modern factory at Markneukirchen has a capacity of 50.000 instruments per year. Its integration into the Buffet Crampon Group will save more than 140 jobs.

‘We are proud and happy to welcome the Schreiber & Keilwerth team in the Buffet Crampon Group. Our companies have been working together for more than 40 years’ declares Antoine Beaussant. Our profession in musical instruments is a combination of know-how and art. The skills of our employees, combined with a high-precision technology, are our most valuable assets’ adds Antoine Beaussant.

Unfortunately, The York Brass instruments have never found their place in the Brass Band world and will be discontinued.

Buffet Crampon will pursue its strong development in this market through its Besson and Antoine Courtois brands, which are experiencing a period of growth, particularly in the USA and Europe.

About the Buffet Crampon Group:

*Founded in 1825 in Paris, **Buffet Crampon** is one of the largest musical instrument manufacturers and number one in the world for the professional clarinet. With its three brands, Buffet Crampon, Antoine Courtois created in 1803 and Besson founded 1837, the Group is active in the segments of woodwind (clarinets, bass clarinets, oboes, bassoons, saxophones) and brass (tubas, euphoniums, saxhorns, trumpets, cornets, altos, bugles, trombones).*