

## **BigRep and BASF securing strategic agreement to develop industrial 3D printing materials**

**Berlin, 28 February 2018.** BigRep and BASF closed on a strategic partnership agreement to jointly develop 3D printing solutions for industrial applications. The collaboration includes the joint development of materials and printers for industrial customer requirements. On the other hand, BASF is investing in the company in order to further strengthen the area of 3D printing.

Although BigRep was only launched four years ago, the Berlin-based company has quickly become one of the leading global providers of large-format 3D printing technology for industrial users. The announcement of a cooperation with the world's largest chemical company BASF is a further signifier of its continuing dedication to engineering and manufacturing cutting-edge solutions.

"We strive to provide our customers with the most innovative 3D printing solutions using BigRep equipment, and now BASF industrial materials help take us to the next level," said René Gurka, CEO of BigRep, of the partnership. "BASF is the strongest materials partner. Together, we can help our customers solve their challenges with innovative 3D printing processes."

BASF brings to the partnership extensive knowledge of materials and their industrial applications. It also has the broadest portfolio of materials in the chemical industry that can be used to develop 3D printing materials. "The forward-looking partnership with the combined expertise of both companies enables our customers to realize industrial applications faster," says Volker Hammes, Managing Director of BASF 3D Printing Solutions GmbH.

The announcement marks the second closing of a growth round initiated in the second half of last year for the Berlin-based 3D Printer manufacturer BigRep, which provides hardware, software, materials and services for large-scale 3D printing, and counts Körber Group, KfW, b-to-v Partners S.à.r.l., Koehler Invest GmbH and kloeckner.v GmbH among its investors. In addition to its headquarters in Berlin, BigRep has expanded its operations to the USA and Singapore, and established a network of resellers across every continent.

## About BigRep

BigRep is a technology start-up based in Berlin with offices in Boston, New York and Singapore, which develops and manufactures the world's largest 3D printers. One of the ground-breaking developments of the company founded in 2014 is the BigRep ONE, which is supplemented by the smaller BigRep STUDIO. Interdisciplinarity and well-founded experience in the field of additive manufacturing characterizes the multinational team of BigRep, now comprised of more than 90 employees. In addition to new products, the Berlin company is now concentrating on complete solutions for industrial customers in the form of integrated additive manufacturing systems. The goal of the highly innovative engineering company is to revolutionize design, prototyping and industrial production from the ground up.

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