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**Largest contract in the history of the company –
Gigantic airport in Qatar to wash up with HOBART**

Offenburg, April 2008 – HOBART was awarded the contract for the construction of the entire warewashing system at the new international airport in Doha, the capital of Qatar. The contract is the largest in the history of the company. The system, which is scheduled for completion in early 2010, can wash dishes from up to 82,000 meals per day when operating at full capacity.

The New Doha International Airport (NDIA) will open in 2009; it is the only airport in the world designed for the Airbus 380. With an area of 22 square kilometers the NDIA is the largest airport in the Near East. When it opens in 2009, 24 million passengers and 750,000 tons of freight will pass through the airport each year. Upon final completion in the year 2015, the capacity will grow to 50 million passengers and 2 million tons of freight per year. Approximately 900 airplanes will take off and land every day. The airport is unusual in that it is built out into the sea. 60 million cubic meters of soil were transported from the desert to the coast in order to create the necessary land mass.

The warewashing system in Doha consists of more than 40 individual machines, including 35 conveyor dishwashers, one cart washing facility and three airplane trolley washing facilities, the longest of which is 26 meters long. HOBART will also provide the suction and dosing technology.

The contract, which is in the 2-digit million range, is the largest contract ever awarded in the airline catering sector. This underlines Hobart's competence as the leading manufacturer of warewashing technology worldwide and in particular of airline catering systems.

The staff responded enthusiastically to the contract, since it emphasizes the company's competitive position in Germany. In the next 18 months the machines will be manufactured at the Elgersweier plant, which was completely modernized over the past 12 months in order to keep pace with the company's continuing 2-digit growth rates. The contract can therefore be implemented without affecting the standard production at the plant. Hobart's managing director Ralf Huebner, who has led the company on a course of innovation leadership over the past 5 years, sees this contract, in addition to the successful growth reported by the company year after year, as the result of continued recent development activities, which brought the company a number of industry awards in the year 2007. Innovation leadership is for Hobart the basis of success for the coming years.