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## WIKA expands its portfolio

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Sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) is used as a switching and insulation medium in electrical power equipment because of its unique physical properties. It is also a strong greenhouse gas. Over the last decade, governments around the world from Europe to the US and even China have begun to regulate it as such. This has created new niche market segments that are growing rapidly as the industry struggles to keep up. Among these niches is the market for SF<sub>6</sub> gas analytic equipment, which provides an analysis of key compounds inside of SF<sub>6</sub> filled switchgear tanks as well as the location of leaks

One of the premier companies for SF<sub>6</sub> gas analytics is G.A.S. (Gesellschaft für Analytische Sensordysteme) of Dortmund, Germany. Due to the attractive market prospects and its established global sales network, WIKA considered an investment that would enable the full potential of G.A.S.'s SF<sub>6</sub> gas analytic equipment to be reached through increased sales opportunities and local support. The company has just announced the purchase of the SF<sub>6</sub> analytic division of G.A.S. by WIKA.

WIKA says it is very much looking forward to integrating this business into the organisation, and taking advantage of the high-growth SF<sub>6</sub> gas analytic equipment market. It sees this fast-paced and growing industry as representing a significant opportunity because the products can be sold to virtually any electric utility in the world. Specific information about the WIKA SF<sub>6</sub> gas analytic product portfolio is available at [www.wika.de/sf6](http://www.wika.de/sf6).