

# Lights on! Automotive supplier Osbra acquires lighting system developer Lightworks

- **Strong performance: Osbra positions itself as a full-service provider for complex plastic components with integrated lighting**
- **Important market: Development of innovative lighting systems for vehicle interiors and exteriors**
- **Excellence, Made in Bavaria: two Bavarian technology companies combine their expertise to deliver greater customer benefits**

Bad Wörishofen, 03.02.2026. Osbra acquires Lightworks – a new success story from the German SME sector. Plastics specialist and automotive supplier Osbra from Bad Wörishofen and lighting system developer Lightworks from Holzkirchen will combine their expertise on February 3, 2026. Lightworks, previously an independent company, will retain its name and brand identity as a wholly owned subsidiary of Osbra. With this “Made in Bavaria” acquisition, Osbra is positioning itself as a German full-range supplier of plastic lighting system components for the automotive industry, as well as other key sectors.

By acquiring Lightworks, Osbra has gained a decisive advantage in the international market: More and more customers are demanding complete solutions in the field of lighting and illumination systems in which the electronic lighting components are already integrated into the corresponding plastic component. These can include, for example, a complete headlight, a reading light, a radiator grille, a rear spoiler with integrated brake light, or an intelligently backlit decorative trim. Thanks to Lightworks’ passion for light, engineering expertise, and versatile lighting portfolio, Osbra is one of the first medium-sized companies in the industry to offer the development, production, testing, and homologation of complex plastic lighting components from a single source.

“With the acquisition of Lightworks, we are creating a company that has not existed on the market until now: a specialist in plastic components with integrated, intelligent lighting systems,” says Siegfried Richter, Managing Director of Osbra. “We are combining expertise for the benefit of our customers. We will be able to implement development projects even faster, more efficiently, and in a more cost-optimized manner. We are also demonstrating that German SMEs can be agile, competitive, efficient, and creative. Together we are stronger – with development excellence, Made in Bavaria.”

Osbra was founded in 1981 as a manufacturer of molded plastic parts. Today, with locations in Bad Wörishofen and Monzingen, the company is a sought-after supplier of complex plastic components for many OEMs and Tier 1 system suppliers in the automotive industry. One of its core competencies is the manufacture and assembly of painted body parts, such as fenders, sills, radiator grilles, and entire bumpers. To this end, the company operates its own robotic painting systems, among other things. For the interior of cars and trucks, the product range includes various covers, trim panels, handles, luggage racks, and even fully assembled and laminated center consoles with a wide variety of options.

Osbra is now expanding its engineering and product portfolio, thereby securing its competitiveness for the future. As a registered manufacturer of lighting systems such as headlights, Lightworks offers key expertise in the areas of optics, electronics, mechanics, prototype production, and industrialization of complete systems. In addition to the automotive sector, Lightworks is active in the key industries of transportation, rail, and defense. An important focus of its engineering expertise is design. The company has its own design department, which ensures the technical feasibility of product designs at an early stage of development. Lightworks relies on virtual simulation tools. This makes the development process for intelligent lighting systems in its own development center significantly faster, more efficient, and, last but not least, more cost-effective.

We are delighted to be able to take our expertise to a new level through the acquisition of Osbra. Under the Osbra umbrella, we will offer intelligent lighting solutions integrated into the relevant component as a series supplier. This step not only strengthens and expands our portfolio, it also secures the future of Lightworks," says Michael Höfgen, owner of Lightworks. Michael Höfgen is stepping down from the management board following the takeover of the company and will continue to support Lightworks as a consultant. For customers, nothing will change except for the larger product portfolio. The contact persons will remain the same. All 30 Lightworks employees will be retained and will complement the expertise and skills of Osbra's approximately 400 employees. Lightworks' development and production sites in Holzkirchen, Ingolstadt, and Ostrava, Czechia, will remain unchanged.



*New in Osbra's range: lighting.  
A product demonstrator showcases different versions  
of innovative headlight technologies.*

## About Osbra:

Osbra specializes in the development and production of plastic and polyurethane foam components for OEMs, small series manufacturers, and Tier 1 companies in the automotive industry and other key sectors such as defense and rail. The company generated sales of more than €90 million in 2025. With the acquisition of engineering service provider Lightworks, the company, headquartered in Bad Wörishofen, Bavaria, now employs more than 400 people across all locations.

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