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maxon partners with robotics start-up ANYbotics.

ANYbotics is a Swiss company formed in 2016 as a spin-off from ETH Zurich. They created the autonomous quadrupedal robot ANYmal. maxon will contribute know-how and expertise as well as their high-quality DC motors and actuators.

A strategic partnership has been formed between ANYbotics, the most successful young Swiss company in its field, and high-precision DC motor systems specialist, maxon. With 60 years of DC motor technology to bring to the table, maxon has the ability to advance the commercialisation strategy, as well as supplying the high-performing DC motors found in each robot. There are 12 DC motors in each robot as well as actuators, "In maxon, we have found the ideal partner for taking care of our drive technology as we transition from small series to mass production. With maxon's expertise and infrastructure, we will be able to further optimise a core element of our robots and access state-of-the-art production methods," says Péter Fankhauser, the CEO of ANYbotics. ANYbotics, who recently won the Swiss Economic Award 2020, has been chosen as the best young entrepreneur in Switzerland in the Hightech/Biotech category. The company has valuable experience in robotics, a market of great potential for maxon. maxon Group CEO, Eugen Elmiger, says "By collaborating with ANYbotics, we are merging know-how from different worlds. The creativity and high responsiveness of a start-up are paired with the global and stable industrial environment of the maxon Group. Together we will create an energy-efficient and intelligent robotic drive, the likes of which has never been seen before." To further fortify the partnership, maxon is opening a lab at the ETH Zürich Campus in close proximity to ANYbotics offering technical support to young engineers, providing workspaces and attracting talent to continually improve in this exciting and emerging field.

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Happy about the cooperation (from left): Ulrich Claessen, CTO maxon Group; Eugen Elmiger, CEO maxon Group; Péter Fankhauser, CEO ANYbotics und Hanspeter Fässler, Chairman of the Board ANYbotics.

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The Swiss specialist for quality drives

maxon is a developer and manufacturer of brushed and brushless DC motors. as well as gearheads, encoders, controllers, and entire mechatronic systems. maxon drives are used wherever the requirements are particularly high: in NASA's Mars rovers, in surgical power tools, in humanoid robots and in precision industrial applications, for example. To maintain its leadership in this demanding market, the company invests a considerable share of its annual revenue in research and development. Worldwide, maxon has more than 3000 employees at nine production sites and is represented by sales companies in more than 30 countries.

