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HEGLA appoints additional Managing Director and authorised signatories

The HEGLA Group, based in Beverungen, has made changes to its management team to further the consistent and long-term development of the company in line with its strategy for sustained growth.

On 1 September 2018, Dr Heinrich Ostendarp, 53, joined the existing Board of Management members Jochen H. Hesselbach and Bernhard Hötger, taking on oversight responsibility for Technology, Production, Supply Chain & Logistics as well as IT. "We are very pleased that in Dr Ostendarp we have been able to bring on board a person highly respected throughout the industry, who is familiar with glass as a production material and with its processing, as well as knowing the customer requirements for our solutions first hand," emphasises Bernhard Hötger. Along his career path, Dr Ostendarp held a technical management role at the glass company SCHOTT, before serving many years as CEO of Bohle AG and as Managing Director of the SCHOLLGLAS group. In addition, he has a doctorate in production technology and gained a degree in electrical and telecommunications engineering at RWTH Aachen.

Managing Director Bernhard Hötger has taken over responsibility for Sales and Marketing at the HEGLA Group. He will further focus on the strategic development of the subsidiaries. Jochen H. Hesselbach will continue in his role of Chairman of the Board of Management.

General commercial power of representation to set a new course and strengthen competences

To also adapt the group structures below board level to the recent growth spurt, further senior members of staff have been appointed as authorised signatories. Peter

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Böhmer (Head of Operational Sales), Stefan Reuter (Head of Technical Sales) and Peter Hermann (Head of Supply Chain & Logistics Management) have been authorised to represent the HEGLA company headquarters in Beverungen with immediate effect. Peter Hermann has also been appointed as authorised signatory for HEGLA Maschinenbau in Kretzschau and as co-signatory together with Dr Thomas Rainer (Head of Development at HEGLA boraident) for HEGLA boraident in Halle, thereby assuming joint responsibility for its future development.

On the day of the registration of the general commercial power of representation ("Prokura" in German) for all the new signatories, Managing Director Bernhard Hötger highlighted that this step was a clear illustration of the great trust in the skills and know-how of the authorised signatories. "By assigning these extensive powers, we wish to further strengthen HEGLA and set it on a course to continue its successful growth," says the Managing Director.

Last year, the turnover of the HEGLA Group, founded in 1976 with machinery and vehicle conversions, profile and sheet storage systems divisions, exceeded the 80 million euro mark for the first time. The company expects further growth from its 2017 acquisition of the boraident company from Halle/Saale ("HEGLA boraident"), which specialises in laser applications, and this year's acquisition of a majority holding in software provider HANIC from Bochum-Wattenscheid ("HEGLA-HANIC"). Operating as a group, HEGLA can now offer comprehensive solutions for glass processing from under one source and focus even more strongly on the innovation course towards digitalisation/Industry 4.0, which it has embarked on in the area of product development.

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Figure 1: On 1 September 2018, Dr Heinrich Ostendarp (1st from right) joined the Board of Management of the HEGLA Group in Beverungen, taking on oversight responsibility for Technology, Production, Supply Chain & Logistics and IT.
(L to R) Bernhard Hötger, Jochen H. Hesselbach, Dr Heinrich Ostendarp

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Figure 2: To set the course for a successful future, several senior executives were appointed as authorised signatories. (L to R) Peter Herrmann (Head of Supply Chain Management), Peter Böhmer (Head of Operational Sales), Stefan Reuter (Head of Technical Sales), Dr. Thomas Rainer (Head of Development at HEGLA boraident) and HEGLA Managing Director Bernhard Hötger.

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