

Webasto Reshapes Its Management Board

Following Chief Technology Officer Matthias Arleth's move to the Mahle Group, Webasto is strengthening its management team. Therefore, the automotive supplier will onboard Marcel Bartling from the HELLA GmbH & Co. KGaA and Silke Maurer from BSH Hausgeräte GmbH in 2022.

Stockdorf – December 10, 2021 – Webasto SE is expanding its management team and welcomes Marcel Bartling as a new member of the Management Board and Silke Maurer as the first female member of the Management Board. Silke Maurer, currently Chief Operating Officer at BSH Hausgeräte GmbH, will assume global responsibility for Production, Purchasing and Quality at the Webasto Group, covering the role of Chief Operating Officer on April 1, 2022. Marcel Bartling, previously a member of the Management Board of the Lighting Division at the HELLA GmbH & Co. KGaA, will commence as Chief Technology Officer of the Webasto Group in the third quarter of 2022 at the latest. In his new role, he will be responsible for Webasto's business units Energy & Components and Customized Solutions, as well as the automotive supplier's Research & Development department.

In addition to the company's innovative capabilities, having a global footprint is a key factor in Webasto's success. The challenges facing the automotive supplier in both of these areas have intensified significantly in recent years. This is a result of the dynamics in the field of electromobility on the one hand, and the pandemic, coupled with supply bottlenecks, on the other. "At this time, therefore, it is not only logical for us to anchor the responsibility for developing our new fields of business in our Management Board, but also for coordinating our international production network. We are very pleased that we have been able to recruit two experienced experts from our sector to assume these two positions. We expect the expansion, even stronger focus and rejuvenation of our management team to provide considerable new impetus and lay the foundation for the long-term continuing development of Webasto", explains Holger Engelmann, Chairman of the Management Board of Webasto SE.

Silke Maurer (49) has been with BSH Hausgeräte GmbH for five years and is currently a member of the company's Management Board as Chief Operating Officer. The graduate engineer with specialization in design and development was previously employed for around twenty years by the BMW Group in various management positions in Germany and abroad. Among others, her responsibilities there included industrialization, production systems and technical integration of the MINI, Rolls-Royce and Motor Cars brands. The various activities in which she was involved on the OEM and supplier side gave her an exceptional level of expertise in terms of successful control and management, as well as a competitive edge in the design of production and supply chains for the automotive industry.

Marcel Bartling (42) has held management positions at the HELLA GmbH & Co. KGaA for around six years. He is currently Executive Vice President and Member of the Management Board of the Lighting Division with responsibility for the global headlamp business. Prior to that he held various technical and management positions at Robert Bosch GmbH over a period of ten years, including responsibility for Lean R&D/digital value chain and e-motor/e-mobility product development. The graduate engineer in mechanical/vehicle engineering with an MBA in technology management (RWTH) has extensive knowledge of the automotive industry, particularly in the field of electronics and electromobility.

Once Maurer and Bartling are on board they will, together with Holger Engelmann (Chairman), Arne Kolfenbach (CFO) and Freddy Geeraerds, form the Management Board of Webasto SE.

About Webasto:

The Webasto Group is a global innovative systems partner to the mobility sector and is among the top 100 suppliers to the automotive industry worldwide. The company's product portfolio comprises in-house developed roof systems, heating and cooling systems for various types of vehicle, batteries and charging solutions for hybrid and electric vehicles, as well as complementary services relating to thermo management and electromobility. Webasto's customers include manufacturers of passenger cars, commercial vehicles and boats as well as dealers and end customers. In 2020, the company generated sales of some 3.3 billion euro and employed more than 14,000 people at more than 50 locations. The headquarters of the company founded in 1901 is located in Stockdorf near Munich, Germany. For more information, go to www.webasto-group.com

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