

A fresh wind for the management:

Strategic Additions for the Management Team of VACUUMSCHMELZE

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Dr. Ralf Koch, Vice President of Research and Development

Hanau – Since March three additions have been made to the management competences of VACUUMSCHMELZE GmbH & Co. KG (VAC). The team now includes Dr. Ralf Koch, Vice President of Research and Development, Scott Pelhank, Vice President of Global Sales, and Jeremy Martin, General Manager Americas. The company is thus taking the next step in its transformation strategy. The aim is to optimize the business processes internally and thereby also for customers.

Dr. Ralf Koch has been with VAC since 2004 and held, among other things, positions in product management and product development. He received a master's degree in Electrical Engineering at the Technical University of Darmstadt and a doctorate from the University of Stuttgart. Dr. Koch will develop solutions as Vice President R & D, which meet the current requirements of the VAC customers. His tasks also include the improvement of the speed to market of new products and applications.

Scott Pelhank joins VAC as Vice President of Global Sales. He studied marketing at the Illinois State University and has been in sales for 20 years. Pelhank has over 17 years of experience in the management of sales teams across global industrial, electronic, automotive, and specialty materials businesses. Among other things, he was responsible for large OEM and tiered customer sales for Würth Electronic Midcom Americas.

Jeremy Martin joins the VAC as General Manager of Americas. He has earned a Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Portland and has a decades-long track record of success: with record results for business development and business expansion, for example, in senior management at Eaton B-

Line and as General Manager at Hilti North America. Martin will be operating out of VAC Americas headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri (USA).

"We are very pleased with the new additions to our management team," says Dr. Stefaan Florquin. "Our goal is to continuously develop VAC and offer our customers advanced solutions for magnetic materials. The appointment of the new leaders is the next, consistent step towards robust growth."

VACUUMSCHMELZE GmbH & Co. KG

VACUUMSCHMELZE (VAC), based in Hanau, has 4300 employees worldwide, 1,450 of whom are in Hanau. The company designs, produces and markets advanced materials, particularly with magnetic, but also with other physical qualities as well as related products. In 1914, the first vacuum furnace laid the foundation for today's VACUUMSCHMELZE. Industrial vacuum melting techniques for alloys have been in operation since 1923.

VAC Group today achieves annual sales of approx. 380 million euros in over 50 countries and is holder of around 800 patents. The company is among the world's most highly innovative developers of advanced industrial materials.

VAC's range of products comprises a broad array of advanced semi-finished materials and parts, inductive components for electronics, magnets and magnet systems for use in a wide variety of fields and industries spanning watch-making and medical technology, renewable energies, shipbuilding, installation technology, automotive and aviation. VAC's custom solutions are developed in close collaboration with the customer, reflecting the company's expertise in materials, applications and state-of-the-art production technology.

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