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VDMA Woodworking Machinery Powerful Executive Board in challenging times

Munich, 7 June 2024 – At the members' meeting in Munich, four new board members were elected to the highest committee of the VDMA Woodworking Machinery Association for a term of six years:

- Robert Falch (Minda Industrieanlagen GmbH, Minden),
- Maximilian Lehner (IMA Schelling Group, Lübbecke),
- Martin Scherrer (G Siempelkamp GmbH & Co. KG, Krefeld) and
- Jürgen Schröer (Robert Bürkle GmbH, Freudenstadt).

‘Our market environment is becoming increasingly complex and demanding. This makes it particularly important to work together closely and in a spirit of trust in the pre-competitive area and to jointly create the foundations on which our companies can build. With this Board of Directors, we are perfectly positioned as we have top managers from the entire breadth of our industry on board,’ said CEO Markus Hüllmann.

The General Assembly renewed the mandates of

- Markus Hüllmann (G. Kraft Maschinenbau GmbH, Rietberg) and
- Jürgen Köppel (Leitz AG, Oberkochen).

The Executive Board further includes the following members:

- Gregor Baumbusch (Michael Weinig AG, Tauberbischofsheim),
- Christian Dieffenbacher (Dieffenbacher GmbH, Eppingen)
- Frank Diez (Ledermann GmbH & Co. KG, Horb)
- Birgit Gros (Schiele Maschinenbau GmbH, Niederzissen)
- Ove Lange (Anthon GmbH, Flensburg)
- Dr. Stefan Möhringer (Simon Möhringer GmbH & Co. KG, Wiesenthal)
- Peter Schaeidt (Baljer & Zembrod GmbH & Co. KG, Altshausen).
- Dr. Daniel Schmitt (Homag Group AG, Schopfloch).
- Heiner Wemhöner (Wemhöner Surface Technologies GmbH Co. KG, Herford).

At the constituent meeting, the members of the Executive Board again expressed their confidence in Markus Hüllmann and confirmed his mandate as Chairman of the association.

Since the last general meeting, the following board members have left the committee: Matthias Krauss (Mafell AG, Oberndorf) on December 31, 2022, Wolfgang Rohner (IMA Schelling Group, Lübbecke) and Olaf Rohrbeck (Robert Bürkle GmbH, Freudenstadt) on December 31, 2023, Dr. Stefan Brand (Vollmer Werke GmbH, Biberach / Riß) on April 16, 2024, and Jürgen Philipps (Siempelkamp Maschinen- und Anlagenbau GmbH, Krefeld) on June 6, 2024.

“We would like to thank the departing board members on behalf of the entire industry. They have been personally committed to the interests of the industry for many years,” emphasized Dr. Bernhard Dirr, Managing Director of the association.

The VDMA represents 3600 German and European mechanical and plant engineering companies. The industry stands for innovation, export-orientation and medium-sized businesses. The companies employ a total of around 3 million people in the EU-27, more than 1.2 million of them in Germany alone. This makes mechanical and plant engineering the largest employer among the capital goods industries, both in the EU-27 and in Germany. It accounts for an estimated turnover of around 910 billion euros in the European Union. Around 80 per cent of the machines sold in the EU come from a production facility in the internal market.