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WITTMANN BATTENFELD Deutschland (Germany)

## **New management for WITTMANN BATTENFELD Deutschland**

***Following the retirement of Klaus Ehlig from active service, the graduated engineers Dipl.-Ing. Andreas Schramm and Dipl.-Ing. Michael Tolz will jointly succeed him as Managing Directors of WITTMANN BATTENFELD Deutschland.***

Andreas Schramm will take up the position of Managing Director of WITTMANN BATTENFELD Deutschland on 1 October 2019. Until the end of this year, he will work together with Klaus Ehlig in this capacity. When Klaus Ehlig finally goes into retirement, Michael Tolz will also be appointed Managing Director effective 1 January 2020. From the beginning of January 2020, Andreas Schramm will take on the position of Management Spokesman as well.

Andreas Schramm studied mechanical engineering at the TU Dresden. He worked for many years at Sumitomo (SHI) Demag Plastics Machinery in Schwaig in various executive positions. As Product Manager and Project Leader, Andreas Schramm cooperated closely with customers and other business partners and thus acquired profound expertise in the industry. As CTO he was also responsible for technical product development.

Michael Tolz graduated in Production Technology from the University of Applied Sciences Gießen-Friedberg, and has been employed at WITTMANN since July 2011 as CTO and Plant Manager of the Nuremberg facility.

Andreas Schramm with his many years of experience in injection molding technology and Michael Tolz with his extensive expertise in automation technology both see the focus of their cooperation among other things in the intelligent combination of latest automation technology with the modern injection molding machines from WITTMANN BATTENFELD. The expertise of the WITTMANN Group in the area of injection molding machines with complex automation systems, as will be shown on the WITTMANN BATTENFELD booth at the K, is to be developed still further in future.

Dr. Werner Wittmann, Managing Partner of the WITTMANN Group, is pleased to have secured the services of Andreas Schramm for the responsible position of a Managing Director at WITTMANN BATTENFELD Deutschland: "I am confident that Andreas Schramm with his valuable experience in executive positions in the injection

molding industry will, together with Michael Tolz, further advance the WITTMANN Group in Germany, its main market.“

Werner Wittmann thanks Klaus Ehlig for his dedicated service to WITTMANN BATTENFELD Deutschland and especially its Meinerzhagen facility, where Klaus Ehlig has served as Managing Director since 2006, and he wishes him all the best for his well-deserved retirement after 53 years of employment at BATTENFELD.



**Fig.:** from the left: Klaus Ehlig, Andreas Schramm, Michael Tolz  
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## **The WITTMANN Group**

The WITTMANN Group is a worldwide leader in the production of injection molding machines, robots and auxiliaries for the plastics processing industry, headquartered in Vienna/Austria and consisting of two main divisions: WITTMANN BATTENFELD and WITTMANN. They jointly operate the companies of the group with eight production plants in five countries, and its additional sales and service companies are active with 34 facilities on all important plastics markets around the world.

WITTMANN BATTENFELD pursues the further expansion of its market position as an injection molding machine manufacturer and specialist for state-of-the-art process technologies. As a supplier of comprehensive, modern machine technology in modular design, the company meets both present and future market demands for plastics injection molding equipment.

The WITTMANN product portfolio includes robots and automation systems, material handling systems, dryers, gravimetric and volumetric blenders, granulators, temperature controllers and chillers. With this diversified range of peripheral units, WITTMANN offers plastics processors solutions to cover all production requirements, ranging from independent production cells to integrated plant-wide systems.

The syndication of the various segments under the umbrella of the WITTMANN Group has led to complete connectivity between the various product lines, for the benefit of plastics processors with an increasing demand for seamless integration of processing machinery with automation and auxiliaries.

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