

Getting through the crisis with innovative ideas

SICK STEGMANN reorganises

Waldkirch/Donaueschingen, 5 March 2009 – SICK STEGMANN in Donaueschingen has reorganised its management team in order to be able to exploit its strengths even better during the economic crisis. The company will take advantage of a combination of innovative ideas and high-quality products to further improve its position as a technological market leader.

Innovation and quality – these are the aspects that the new management duo of SICK STEGMANN GmbH stand for: Josef Siraky, Development Manager and Stegmann innovator for many years, will in future concentrate entirely on innovative ideas with his “New Technologies” team. The new spokesperson of the Management Board, Dr. Bernd Cordes, was responsible for the worldwide quality management of the SICK Group for many years. He replaces Sven Behrend, who managed the company for almost five years.

SICK STEGMANN has been in the SICK Group since 2002 and is one of the world’s leading producers of special sensors for motors and drive systems, e.g. in wind-powered generation plants, solar parks, printing machines or robots. The company has achieved this position mainly as a result of its many innovative product ideas and trailblazing inventions – distinctive strengths that are now to be further expanded. Firstly, through the creation of the New Technologies Department and, secondly, by appointing another experienced developer to the extended management: Trevor Stewart brings with him many years’ development and project experience from the automotive industry.

PRESS RELEASE

“Now is precisely the right time to set this course,” according to Dr. Bernd Cordes. “With its innovations and its people, SICK STEGMANN has great potential for further growth.” The declared aim of the new management: to be the first in the market to resume growth.

SICK AG is one of the world’s leading producers of sensors and sensor solutions for industrial applications. The company, founded in 1946 and based in Waldkirch-im-Breisgau, employs more than 5,000 employees worldwide and achieved Group sales of EUR 708 m. in 2007. Further information on SICK can be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.sick.com> or by phone at +49 (0)7681 202-3873.

PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Bernd Cordes

Dr. Bernd Cordes has become Chairman of the Management of SICK STEGMANN GmbH, Donaueschingen with effect from 5 March 2009. He has been a member of the Management Board of SICK AG since May 2000 and has, up to now, been responsible for Quality Management within the Group. In addition to this function, he has been on the Executive Board of MAIHAK AG, a subsidiary of the SICK Group, since March 2007. Dr. Cordes entered the company in 1997 as Production Manager in the Industrial Sensors Division.

Born in Stuttgart in 1956, he studied mechanical engineering at the Technical University in Aachen and completed his doctorate in the area of automation in welding technology in 1991. His professional career started at WILO GmbH, Dortmund, and he was General Manager of its Irish subsidiary, Wilo Pumps Ltd., from 1995 to 1997.