



## Media release

### **SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH invites Shareholders to Annual General Meeting 2016**

- **Approval of management report, statutory financial statements and consolidated financial statements 2015**
- **Transfer of registered office from Emmen to Lucerne**
- **Elections of Board of Directors, Compensation Committee and Statutory Auditor**
- **Approval of future compensation for Board of Directors and Executive Management**

**Lucerne, 12 April 2016** – SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH AG, a global leader in special long steel, has invited its shareholders to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 3 May 2016 at the Kultur- und Kongresszentrum Luzern (Lucerne, Switzerland). The Board of Directors will submit to the AGM the management report, the financial statements and the consolidated financial statements 2015 for approval. Moreover, within the context of a partial revision of the articles of incorporation, it is among other things proposed to transfer the registered office from Emmen to Lucerne.

For the elections of the members of the Board of Directors, SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH will propose to the shareholders to elect two new members:

Martin Haefner, born 1954, Swiss citizen, is Chairman of the Board of Directors of AMAG Automobil- und Motoren AG and of Careal Holding AG. After passing his A-levels and having studied mathematics, he has taught mathematics for over 20 years at the Cantonal High Schools of Baden and Lucerne, before moving to the group of companies founded by his father Walter Haefner, who had passed away in 2012. Martin Haefner holds a degree in Mathematics of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ).

Vladimir Polienko, born in 1980, Russian citizen, is the Deputy Managing Director of Renova Group (Moscow, Russia) and has over 15 years of experience in M&A and portfolio management in various industries. Since 2010, he held various positions at Renova, mainly focused on investments, strategy and portfolio management activities of the group. Vladimir Polienko holds a Master's degree in economics from the Higher School of Economics, Moscow.

The AGM will additionally vote on the appropriation of available earnings and the re-election of the statutory auditors as well as of the independent proxy. The AGM will also vote on the compensation report presented to the AGM for consultative approval. In compliance with the Ordinance against excessive Compensation in listed companies (VegüV), the compensation for the Board of Directors and the Executive Management will be presented to the AGM for prospective approval.

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Link to invitation to the Annual General Meeting:

<http://www1.schmolz-bickenbach.com/en/investor-relations/general-meeting/>

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