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**Personnel changes in the management structure of SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH Distributions GmbH**

As from July 1, 2009, the present Head of SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH Distributions GmbH (Business Segment Distribution Germany), Peter Schwarze, takes over management of the newly created Central Material Purchasing function as Chief Purchasing Officer Distribution (CPO). In this function he is responsible for the strategic and operational procurement and inventory management, total margin management, and supply logistics of SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH Distribution Germany, Europe and International.

As from the same date, Bernd Grotenburg takes over responsibility for SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH Distributions GmbH as CEO. Bernd Grotenburg has worked for the SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH Group for more than 20 years, most recently as Member of the Executive Management of Deutsche Edelstahlwerke GmbH responsible for sales.

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