

**Press Release from SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH AG of July 1, 2013****Personnel changes in the management of the Sales and Services area**

As part of the recently communicated strategic realignment of SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH, the former Distribution organisations, Germany, Europe and International, are placed under a single management. As from July 1, 2013, the following individuals take over the management of the Sales and Services area:

Thierry Crémailh (born 1961), formerly CEO of Distribution International, is appointed CEO.

Susanne Peiricks (born 1968), formerly CEO of Distribution Europe, takes over the function of COO.

Mathieu Bourgeois (born 1975) is appointed CFO. Mathieu Bourgeois is currently CFO of SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH USA. He continues to hold this function.

As from July 1, 2013, Martin Gruber (born 1963) takes over the function of Head of Distribution Germany from Bernd Grotenburg. Martin Gruber has many years of experience in demanding managerial functions in German steel distribution companies. He was most recently CEO of ThyssenKrupp Schulte GmbH in Essen. Bernd Grotenburg leaves the company at his own wish.

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