



New Chief Executive Officer for the Wittur Group

Dr. Ing. Walter Rohregger has been appointed Managing Director of Wittur Holding GmbH with effect from January 1, 2012 and Chief Executive Officer of the Wittur Group as of February 1, 2012. He will succeed **Mr. Stephan Rojahn** who will be retiring from office in 2012 at the age of 64, as previously planned.

Dr. Ing. Rohregger obtained a PhD in mechanical engineering at Turin Polytechnic University before joining GKN's Italian subsidiary based in his native province of South Tyrol. GKN is a global engineering group operating in the four sectors of automotive systems, powder metallurgy, land systems and aerospace. During his twenty-five years with GKN, Dr. Ing. Rohregger was able to gain considerable international experience. For more than a decade, he was responsible for expanding Group operations in the Asia Pacific region based on organic growth, as well as via acquisitions and joint ventures. His career at GKN included various positions in production, engineering and sales in the automotive, construction, mining and agriculture business, followed by appointments as MD and CEO, and since 2007 as a member of the GKN Group's executive team based in the UK.

Mr. Rojahn took over as Chief Executive Officer in 2006 and successfully repositioned the Wittur Group. In addition to improving the company's operational performance, new facilities were opened in Slovakia, Austria and India and capacities expanded in China, Europe and Latin America.

The Wittur Group is one of the world's largest independent suppliers of components and systems for the lift industry with a global network of 11 production sites and 21 sales companies. Wittur's core products include lift doors, safety components and gearless drives, as well as cars, slings, counterweight frames and hydraulic drives. These are designed not only for new installations, but also for modernisation projects. The range of products includes exclusive tailored designs and finishes, heavy-duty solutions, marine installations, as well as standardised equipment.

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