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Syntegon Technology announce new CEO



Michael Grosse will replace outgoing Stefan Koenig at leading supplier of processing and packaging technology

Syntegon Technology has announced Michael Grosse will replace Stefan Koenig as CEO, effective 1 March, 2020.

Grosse, a member of the management board of Tetra Pak since 2003, joins the company with extensive experience in leadership and management in the international mechanical engineering industry, and will bring a particular focus in the area of process and packaging technology for the food industry to the role.

Marc Strobel, chairman of the supervisory board of Syntegon Technology, said the company was very pleased to have secured Grosse.

"Almost two decades of management experience in the packaging machinery industry and an international industry network are excellent prerequisites to further advance the successful development of Syntegon Technology," said Strobel.

"At the same time, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Dr Stefan Koenig. He has done Syntegon Technology a great service – under his leadership, the company has not only become independent but also more profitable and more competitive."

Grosse commented on his excitement for starting in the new position.

"Because of its high standards in quality as well as its long tradition, Syntegon Technology is an outstanding company in the packaging industry. Together with the Syntegon Technology team, I will particularly focus on further improving customer satisfaction and profitability," said Grosse.

"We want to offer our customers even more innovative and sustainable packaging solutions in the future and make full use of the opportunities offered by digitalisation".

In addition to the change at CEO level, Walter Bickel will be appointed as a

further member of the executive board of Syntegon Technology as of 1 March, 2020.

In his new position, Bickel will be responsible for driving the group's transformation process forward decisively.

A renowned expert in the implementation of holistic profit improvement programmes, business model restructuring and leveraging additional growth potential, Bickel has years of leadership experience in top management positions within the mechanical engineering and automotive industry.

Between 2014 and 2018, he was CEO and CFO of the international foil manufacturer Treofan. Previous positions also include his role as COO and subsequently member of the supervisory board of robotics manufacturer KUKA as well as chairman of the board of directors of Maillefer Group.

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