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Rittal extends executive management team

Uwe Scharf is Managing Director responsible for Rittal's IT and Industry Business Units and Marketing

There has been a change in the executive management of Rittal. Effective from 1 January 2019, Uwe Scharf (55) has been appointed Managing Director of the IT and Industry Business Units and for Marketing.

Herborn, 18 January 2019 – Rittal, the leading global provider of solutions for industrial enclosures and IT infrastructure, has strategically strengthened its sales organisation. This will help the Herborn-based enterprise tailor IT- and industry-specific offerings from its standard portfolio in line with customers' specific requirements – and provide effective support with digital transformation. Upon the announcement of Mr Scharf's new role, Dr Karl-Ulrich Köhler, CEO of Rittal International, emphasised: "We are pleased to be able to make an internal appointment for this management position. Uwe Scharf has outstanding experience in business development and in managing products and one-stop solutions."

Uwe Scharf joined Rittal in 2001. As Executive Vice President of the Industry Business Unit, the electrical engineer (55) successfully aligned the Product Management and Industry Management departments with customer and market needs. Scharf states: "I am honoured that Rittal has chosen to expand my responsibilities, and trusts me to contribute in this way. As a leader in innovation, we are passionate about continuously improving the Rittal portfolio. This enables us to actively support our customers with digital

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transformation, the implementation of effective, value-creation processes, and more.”

Mr Scharf was born in Wetzlar, central Germany. He still lives in the region, is married and has a son.

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Caption(s)

Image 1 (fri151777000.jpg): Uwe Scharf, now Managing Director of Rittal's IT and Industry Business Units and Marketing, states: “We are passionate about continuously improving the Rittal portfolio. This enables us to actively support our customers with digital transformation.”

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About Rittal

Rittal, headquartered in Herborn, Germany, is a leading global provider of solutions for industrial enclosures, power distribution, climate control and IT infrastructure, as well as software and services. Systems made by Rittal can be found in more than 90 percent of all global branches of industry, including mechanical and plant engineering, food and beverage production and in IT and telecommunications.

The wide range of products from the global market leader includes configurable enclosures, whose data is available throughout the entire production process. Intelligent Rittal cooling solutions with up to 75 percent lower energy and CO₂ consumption can communicate with the production environment and enable predictive maintenance and service concepts. Innovative IT solutions ranging from IT racks and modular data centres through to edge and hyperscale computing solutions all form part of the portfolio.

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Leading software providers Eplan and Cideon complement the value chain, providing interdisciplinary engineering solutions, while Rittal Automation Systems offer automation systems for switchgear construction. Rittal delivers within 24 hours in Germany – precisely as needed, flexibly and efficiently.

Founded in Herborn in 1961, Rittal is the largest member company in the owner-operated Friedhelm Loh Group. The group is a highly successful global player, with 18 production sites and 80 international subsidiaries. It has approximately 11,500 employees and posted revenues of €2.5 billion in fiscal 2017. In 2018, the family-run business was named one of Germany's leading employers by the Top Employers Institute, for the tenth year running. Within the scope of a Germany-wide survey, Focus Money magazine identified the Friedhelm Loh Group as one of the nation's best providers of vocational training for the third time in 2018.

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