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WITTENSTEIN AG to take the next step in the generational change

Expansion of the Management Board on April 1, 2016

WITTENSTEIN AG, the mechatronics corporation headquartered in Igersheim (South-West Germany), will have an expanded Management Board with effect from April 1, 2016. Currently comprised of Professor Dieter Spath (Chairman of the Board and CEO) and Karl-Heinz Schwarz, the Board will be supplemented by four new internal appointees: Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein, Dr. Dirk Haft, Erik Roßmeißl and Dr. Bernd Schimpf.

High-tech products made by WITTENSTEIN fly into space and win Formula One races. Intelligent drive systems – from the world's smallest high-performance servo drive to the latest state of the art in medical technology – are developed, produced and marketed by a team of around 1900 employees. With a blend of dedication and enthusiasm, we set benchmarks – every day – worldwide.

"We're particularly proud of the fact that all new members of the expanded Board have been recruited within our own ranks – including a proven leader drawn directly from the Wittenstein family", said Dr. Manfred Wittenstein, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of WITTENSTEIN AG. All members of the restructured Management Board can build on rich expertise and extensive management experience within the WITTENSTEIN Group.

Professor Spath plans to hand over his Board responsibilities on October 1, 2016 following a transitional phase. Spath expressly emphasized his role as "bridge-builder for the next generation at a successful family run company" when he took over at WITTENSTEIN on October 1, 2013, having previously spent many years as Head of the Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering (Fraunhofer IAO) in Stuttgart.

The following new members will be appointed to the WITTENSTEIN AG Management Board on April 1, 2016 to coincide with the start of the 2016/17 fiscal year:

Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein, *1975, Chairwoman of the Board, WITTENSTEIN holding Corp. / USA. Responsible for Corporate Development on the restructured Management Board.

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Dr. Dirk Haft, *1969, CEO attocube systems AG. Member of the Board responsible for "Innovation".

Erik Roßmeißl, *1969, Commercial Manager, WITTENSTEIN AG. Member of the Board with responsibility for Commercial Operations.

Dr. Bernd Schimpf, *1962, Managing Director, WITTENSTEIN alpha GmbH. Member of the Board in charge of Production.

The expansion of the Management Board on April 1, 2016 will mark the next step in WITTENSTEIN AG's systematic strategy of realizing a generational change in leadership.

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WITTENSTEIN – AG one with the future

With around 1900 employees worldwide and sales of approximately €276 million in 2014/15, WITTENSTEIN AG enjoys an impeccable reputation for innovation, precision and excellence in the field of mechatronic drive technology – not just in Germany but internationally. The group comprises eight pacesetting Business Units with separate subsidiaries for servo gearheads, servo actuator systems, medical technology, miniature servo units, innovative gearing technology, rotary and linear actuator systems, nano technology and electronic and software components for drive technologies. Through its 60 or so subsidiaries and agents in approximately 40 countries, WITTENSTEIN (www.wittenstein.de) is additionally represented in all the world's major technology and sales markets.

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