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Return to KHS: Tobias Wetzel named as new managerial head of Sales and Service

- Former head of Service Division to assume post on January 1, 2024
- Wetzel joins Kai Acker, Martin Resch and Beate Schäfer in top management
- Growth course of last few years to be jointly continued long term

Dortmund, November 28, 2023 – Back to his old domain: on January 1, 2024, Tobias Wetzel will become the new managerial head of Sales and Service at KHS. This has now been confirmed by the company’s supervisory board. The 50-year-old switches from the Mannesmann Stainless Tubes group, one of the world's leading manufacturers of seamless stainless steel and nickel-based alloy tubes and pipes, to the systems provider. Between 2011 and 2020 Wetzel already held various managerial positions at KHS, most recently as head of the Service Division. He joins Kai Acker (CEO), Martin Resch (CFO Finance, Procurement and IT) and Beate Schäfer (CHRO) to complete the KHS Executive Management Board.

Tobias Wetzel will take up his new position as managerial head of Sales and Service on January 1, 2024. “We’re delighted that our Executive Management Board will again be complete when he comes back to KHS. Tobias Wetzel already has extensive knowledge of our company with its various structures and internal processes. What’s more, his expertise, leadership qualities and many years of experience will help us to further

strengthen our position on the global beverage market,” says Kai Acker, CEO at KHS. Wetzel returns to KHS from the Mannesmann Stainless Tubes group in Mülheim, which he had moved to at the end of 2020 as its managing director. “I’m looking forward to a trusting cooperation with my colleagues and business partners. KHS stands for quality and total reliability. This is and will always be the foundation upon which we continue to increase customer satisfaction,” states Wetzel.

Various managerial positions at KHS

Prior to his starting in his new post, Wetzel held a number of managerial positions for the Dortmund systems provider over a period of ten years, first as head of RC Service Sales Support, then as executive vice-president of Corporate Controlling and finally as head of the Service Division until his departure. Between April 2015 and August 2019 he also assumed the management of the production site in Hamburg, then active under the name of KHS Corpoplast GmbH (now KHS GmbH). Before his time with the turnkey supplier, the graduate business economist spent around ten years in various functions at and companies of Mannesmannröhren-Werke – and has thus been working for Salzgitter AG, to which both companies belong, for over 20 years.

“Key impetus for future growth”

After finishing his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in general management at what is now the Zeppelin University in Friedrichshafen, Wetzel gained a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from FOM International University for economy and management. His studies complete, he then started his career at Coca-Cola where he remained for over three years, amassing extensive experience in the beverage industry.

“With the Executive Management Board then complete, we’re perfectly prepared for the further development of the KHS Group and to jointly provide key impetus for future growth,” claims Acker.

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About the KHS Group

The KHS Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of filling and packaging systems for the beverage and liquid food industries. Besides the parent company (KHS GmbH) the group includes various subsidiaries outside Germany, with production sites in Ahmedabad (India), Waukesha (USA), Zinacantepec (Mexico), São Paulo (Brazil) and Kunshan (China). It also operates numerous sales and service centers worldwide. KHS manufactures modern filling and packaging systems for the high-capacity range at its headquarters in Dortmund, Germany, and at its factories in Bad Kreuznach, Kleve, Worms and Hamburg. The KHS Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of the SDAX-listed Salzgitter AG corporation. In 2022 the KHS Group and its 5,002 employees achieved a turnover of around €1.291 billion.

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