



Bosch: Klein assumes responsibility for governmental affairs

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- ▶ Dr. Peter Biesenbach to retire
- ▶ His successor Professor Michael Klein is currently secretary-general of acatech
- ▶ Official handover scheduled for January 1, 2018

Stuttgart and Berlin, Germany – Effective January 1, 2018, Michael Klein (52) will take over as head of the Corporate Department for External Affairs, Governmental and Political Relations at Robert Bosch GmbH. He succeeds Peter Biesenbach (63), who has held this position since 2008 and is now retiring. Klein is currently the secretary-general and a board member of Germany's National Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech). He will join Bosch on October 1, 2017, and familiarize himself with his new task.

In the nine years he has worked for Bosch, Biesenbach has made the global group's technical expertise accessible for political decision makers. For example, he played a part in the EU's mandating of ESP and motorcycle ABS, as well as in the establishment of the NPE, the German national platform for electromobility, and the Plattform Industrie 4.0 (German platform for connected manufacturing). In addition, Biesenbach played a significant role in making external affairs more international at Bosch. "The company and the board of management would like to sincerely thank Peter Biesenbach for the work he has done, and above all for the agendas he was able to set in road-safety and environmental issues," said Dr. Volkmar Denner, chairman of the board of management of Robert Bosch GmbH. "His experience and consistently objective arguments made him a sought-after partner both inside and outside the company."

"In the shape of Michael Klein, we have found a successor with excellent knowledge of the interfaces between the worlds of business, science, and politics. He has wide-ranging expertise, as well as the personal experience that

will guarantee continuing technology-oriented political advice, especially in areas of future importance,” Denner added. “In setting up and organizing the innovation dialogue with the federal government, he has already given impressive evidence of his abilities.”

Apart from his work with acatech, Klein is an extraordinary professor at the Technical University in Berlin. In addition, he plays an active part on various scientific committees. Between 1999 and 2009, he was the managing director, and subsequently the secretary-general, of the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz scientific association.

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The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as "Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering." The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant upfront investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-two percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a charitable foundation. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG, an industrial trust. The entrepreneurial ownership functions are carried out by the trust. The remaining shares are held by the Bosch family and by Robert Bosch GmbH.

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