

# SWISSMETAL Media release

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## **Swissmetal changes hands in the marketing and sales department**

Greg Himstead, as a member of the Executive Management, responsible for marketing and sales for the Swissmetal Group since 2007, has made a personal decision to leave the company with immediate effect.

With the acquisition of the subsidiary Avins USA Inc., Warren/NJ, Greg Himstead joined Swissmetal Group and was mainly responsible for establishing the trading strategy and the world-wide sales structure under the brand Avins. Swissmetal thanks Mr. Himstead for his contribution during this time and wishes him all the best in his future activities.

Until a suitable successor has been appointed, Dr. Olaf Schmidt-Park will lead the marketing and sales department ad interim, on top of his role as CEO of Swissmetal.

Swissmetal produces and sells worldwide high-quality special products made of copper and copper alloys which are mainly used in the electronics, telecommunications, air travel, petroleum, automobile, stationery and watch/clock industries and in the architectural sector. In financial year 2008, Swissmetal achieved turnover of CHF 324.9 million. As at end of May 2009, the company had 643 full time-employees. Swissmetal, with its registered office in Dornach (Switzerland) is quoted on the SIX Swiss Exchange as Swissmetal Holding AG.

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