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## New head of Marketing & Sales at Swissmetal

Starting today Volker Helling will be heading up the Marketing & Sales department at Swissmetal. Swissmetal Group's CEO, Dr. Olaf Schmidt-Park, had been managing the department ad interim since August 2009. Mr. Helling will become a member of Swissmetal Group's Executive Management. He will complement the management team with valuable experience in important global metal industry markets and provide a valuable contribution to the strategic further development of the company.

Dr. Volker Helling studied metallurgy and material engineering, with an emphasis on casting, at the Technical University of Aachen (RWTH) in Germany and received his doctorate in 1995 at the Foundry Institute of the same university. Following his studies he began his career at Georg Fischer Automotive in Singen where he managed various projects in the areas of production and administration. In 1997 he moved up to management as Head of Quality Management. In the fall of 1999 he took over management of the company's Garching site, an aluminum foundry located north of Munich. In mid-2003 he went on to become Sales Manager in the Iron Technology Unit at Georg Fischer Automotive which comprised a total of four sites. Following this, in 2006 he took over the lead position in Key Account Management where he was responsible for approximately half of sales at Georg Fischer Automotive. Since April 2009 Volker Helling has been active in purchasing, including provider assessment and support.

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 2007, Swissmetal achieved turnover of CHF 407.0 million. As at end of December 2009, the company had 629 full time-employees. Swissmetal, with its registered office in Dornach (Switzerland) is quoted on the SIX Swiss Exchange as Swissmetal Holding Ltd.

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