



## Press Release

### Planned change in group management at ebm-papst **Dr. Stephan Arnold to assume responsibility for R&D department at ebm-papst**

Mulfingen,

After more than a decade in the group management of the Mulfingen-based family business ebm-papst, Dr. Bruno Lindl (65) will resign from his position as Managing Director for Research and Development on June 30, 2018 and will go into retirement, as planned for some time.

During his highly successful tenure, Lindl, together with his management colleagues, led the fan specialist to become a global innovation driver and raised the corporate group to a turnover level of over €2 billion. The shareholders and the advisory board of ebm-papst would like to express their sincere gratitude for his achievements.

Dr. Stephan Arnold (55), an internationally experienced manager, will take over the Group Management Division R&D on July 1, 2018. Dr. Arnold comes from Schuler AG, the world's largest manufacturer of presses, where as member of the Executive Board he was responsible for the division of Technology. Prior to that, he was Head of Group Development at Miele & Cie KG; and held various management positions within the Volkswagen Group in Germany and the USA.

Stefan Brandl, Chief Executive Officer of the ebm-papst Group: "With Dr. Stephan Arnold, we have gained an outstanding head for our R&D department with whom we will continue to develop the company internationally and in a future-oriented manner. My special thanks go to my colleague Dr. Bruno Lindl for the trusting and successful cooperation over the past years".

#### **Captions:**

**Image 1:** Dr. Stephan Arnold (Photo: Private)

**Image 2:** Dr. Bruno Lindl (Photo: Philipp Reinhard for ebm-papst)

#### **Vita - Dr. Stephan Arnold:**

Dr.-Ing. Stephan Arnold (55) will assume the position as Managing Director in the Research and Development division of the ebm-papst Group from July 2018. Previously, Dr. Arnold was Chief Technology Officer of Schuler AG in Göppingen. After training as a physical-technical assistant, he studied electrical engineering with a focus on technical computer science at the RWTH Aachen University and earned his doctorate in the automation of welding technology. From 1994 to 2010, he held

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various management positions for the Volkswagen Group in Germany and the USA. Among other things, he managed projects on e-mobility, headed a technology center and was responsible for the assembly of prototypes for passenger cars. He then headed group development at Miele & Cie KG before being appointed to the Schuler AG Executive Board on April 1, 2016.

#### Vita - Dr. Bruno Lindl

Dr. Bruno Lindl (65) has been Managing Director for Research and Development of the ebm-papst Group since September 2007. Born in Aschaffenburg, he studied engineering at Wiesbaden University of Applied Sciences and physics at Heidelberg University. He then obtained his doctorate at the Max Planck Institute. Dr. Lindl also started his professional career there in 1985 as a research assistant and three years later moved to AEG as project manager in the field of night vision and infrared devices. In 1991 he joined the automotive supplier Beru AG, for which he was last responsible as technical manager for the entire product development. In 2001, Dr. Bruno Lindl joined automotive supplier J. Eberspächer as Head of Development, where he was, among other things, responsible for development, design, innovation management, product development and change processes.

#### About ebm-papst

The ebm-papst Group is the world's leading manufacturer of fans and motors. Since it was founded, the technology company has continuously set global industry standards: from the digital interconnection of electronically controlled EC fans to aerodynamic improvements for fan blades to the use of eco-friendly materials.

In fiscal year 2017/18, the company achieved sales of over € 2 billion. ebm-papst employs over 15,000 people at 27 production sites (e.g. in Germany, China and the US) and in 48 sales offices worldwide. Fans and motors from the world market leader are used in many industries, including ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration, household appliances, heating, automotive and drive engineering.

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