

## Press release

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### New management at VULKAN

(Herne, April 2016) The traditional, Herne-based company VULKAN Kupplungs- und Getriebebau Bernhard Hackforth GmbH & Co. KG has had a new management since March. In the future, Dr Achim Brodde (55) and Dipl. Ing. Dieter Klitzke (58) will work together to steer the fortunes of the global coupling manufacturer. Dr Brodde, who has also been Managing Director of VULKAN Lokring Rohrverbindungen since 2007, is taking on responsibility for the fields of Production, Quality Management and Engineering & Application. Dieter Klitzke will head up the business area VULKAN Couplings and is therefore also responsible for global sales activities in the field of maritime drive technology and energy generation.

The new management duo is replacing Dr Andreas Boehme, who left the VULKAN in early March after working for the company for ten years.

Dipl. Ing. Thomas Fuhrmann will also be joining the management team on 1 April 2016 to expand industrial applications in the business area Drive Tech.

"I am confident that with their many years of experience and their energy Mr Klitzke and Dr Brodde will guide the company in the right direction and with them we are in a good position to meet the challenges of the future. I am also pleased to have recruited an experienced manager and proven drive technology specialist in Thomas Fuhrmann, who will further promote the strategic development of the business area Drive Tech," says Sebastian Hackforth, Managing Partner of the VULKAN Group. "We also want to thank Dr Andreas Boehme for the successful collaboration and wish him all the best for the future."

***About the company:** VULKAN Kupplungs- und Getriebebau Bernhard Hackforth GmbH & Co. KG, based in Herne, Germany, is part of the VULKAN group and a family-owned enterprise which manufactures highly flexible couplings, brake systems, elastic mounts and shaft systems for marine propulsion, power generator applications and industrial drives. VULKAN couplings are used worldwide for many decades in cruise ships, container ships and working ships as large suction dredgers, as well as in the oil and gas industry, mining and materials handling technology. The 125-year-old company is in sole possession of the Hackforth family and employs approximately 1,300 employees at 20 locations worldwide, including five manufacturing facilities in Germany, Brazil, USA, China and India. For further information see: [www.vulkan.com](http://www.vulkan.com)*

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