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New senior management appointments strengthen Loepfe team

Loepfe Brothers Ltd. has announced two new management appointments and the further restructuring of its business to champion customer-centricity, as well as latest materials procurement and digital production practices.

The first of the new hires is Jürg Schneider who joins Loepfe as Head of Sales & Service. As well as 25 years of global experience in sales, after-sales, services, marketing and engineering, Jürg has also led digital transformation and business process automation projects. Meanwhile, increased focus on customer success will also come from long-serving staff member Silvano Auciello who will work closely with OEM customers in the spinning segment as the key account manager.

Stefan Imfeld is the second newcomer to Loepfe and joins the company as Head of Production within the newly combined Materials Management and Production business stream. Stefan has a background in industrial engineering management, which has included senior level experience in the textiles and metrology sectors. He will be supporting Rolf Kunz who brings many years of Loepfe experience to managing the material flows from Loepfe's suppliers to end customers.

Jürg Schneider said: *“Undisputed customer centricity and today’s digital toolsets, along with dynamic exchanges and communication ensure we can properly understand user needs. I whole-heartedly look forward to driving the business forward, based on this approach and together with this great team.”*

Stefan Imfeld commented: *“Many thanks to my new Loepfe colleagues for their warm welcome! Creating an environment where seamless quality thrives begins with the accurate translation of customer needs into the intelligent use of latest materials and technology. This is a truly transformational time for Loepfe and I am excited to be part of the team.”*

Dr. Ralph Mennicke, CEO of Loepfe Brothers Ltd. added: *“We are delighted to work with both Jürg and Stefan as part of the Loepfe family. Their contributions will be central to our success as we continue to align our business to capitalize on digital technologies. Our strategy is to match customer needs with finest quality smart sensor technology to power productivity in the spinning and weaving sectors. And, by combining Materials Management and Production into one single business stream, we are creating a holistic approach to our end products. Our customers can look forward to many new Loepfe initiatives with our partners worldwide.”*

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Jürg Schneider



Stefan Imfeld

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About Loepfe

Loepfe Brothers Ltd. has established itself in the field of optical yarn clearers with pioneering achievements. Today Loepfe is recognized worldwide as the specialist for integral quality control systems. 50% of the worldwide yarn production is monitored by Loepfe yarn clearers.

The Loepfe headquarters are in Wetzikon / Switzerland near Zurich. The company employs close to 150 people. The Swiss production location guarantees stability and reliability. All Loepfe products are developed and manufactured in Switzerland. Loepfe quality is based on the employees' unique know-how and over 65 years of experience. Loepfe invests systematically in research and development of state-of-the-art technology, with its understanding of the complex requirements of the textile industry.

Loepfe lays the foundation for the international success of its textile quality assurance systems with sustainable products and highly personalized customer service. Loepfe is represented in all important textile markets via an international network of 90 agents and service representatives in 70 countries worldwide. Loepfe offers training and further education and ensures efficient local quality management at senior level.

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