



DEHN strengthens top management with COO

DEHN Neumarkt – The managing directors Dr. Philipp Dehn (CEO), Dr. Peter Zahlmann (CTO) and Helmut Pusch (CSO) are now joined by Christian Köstler as Chief Operating Officer (COO) in the top management of DEHN, one of the world's leading companies in the field of lightning and surge protection.

Christian Köstler studied mechanical engineering at the Technical University of Munich (TUM) and graduated with a Masters in Mechanical Engineering (MME). After that he earned his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Averett University, USA. From 2000 to 2015 he worked for the globally renowned German company STIHL in the USA and in Germany. His career began with a position as project engineer. That was followed by positions as Manager Special Projects, Manager Manufacturing Engineering and Machining and Director of Technology and Machining. In Germany, Mr. Köstler was active all over the world for Andreas STIHL AG as Director of Technology and Buildings and was responsible in this position amongst other things for global manufacturing technology, series start-up planning and the infrastructure planning for all sites. As Vice President Operations, he was in charge for managing a plant with 1800 employees and bearing the responsibility for the entire Operations sector incl. engineering, manufacturing/assembly, quality management, purchasing and logistics.

In his function as COO he will be responsible for all global operations within the DEHNgroup, including manufacturing, logistics, supply chain management, purchasing, quality management and building + infrastructure.

"Christian Köstler has a profound technical understanding and high expertise in production with modern methods and standards. We are delighted to have secured the

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services of an experienced manager in Christian Köstler. With his expert knowledge he will in particular align the structures of the DEHN supply chain for the future as defined by our growth strategy, especially with regard to Industry 4.0. The aim is to achieve the best possible configuration of value chains with a global supplier and production network. These are important requirements for driving our global corporate strategy forwards", said Dr. Philipp Dehn, CEO and Managing Partner of DEHN.



Photo: *Christian Köstler (left)* has been COO at the lightning and surge protection specialist DEHN since January 2016, *Dr. Philipp Dehn (right)* CEO and Managing Partner of DEHN

The market leader DEHN, a globally active family-owned electrotechnical company with about 1,700 employees worldwide, offers innovative products and solutions as well as comprehensive services in the field of **surge protection, lightning protection and safety equipment**. DEHN focuses on the protection of system and building technology, the transportation, telecommunication and process sector, photovoltaic systems, wind turbines, etc. The company's continuous growth is based on more than 100 years of tradition and experience as well as highest quality standards and consistent customer and market orientation throughout the world. DEHN protects.

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