Rittal strengthens its automation solutions

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Jochen Trautmann is the new Managing Director of Rittal Automation Systems

On 1 April 2022, Jochen Trautmann became the new Managing Director of Rittal Automation Systems at the international market leader and industrial enclosure specialist Rittal, headquartered in Herborn, Germany.

Herborn, 20. May 2022 – Over the past 20 years, Jochen Trautmann (55) has held top management positions at various mid-sized enterprises, last serving as the CEO of WOMA GmbH. Mr. Trautmann took up his post as Managing Director of Rittal Automation Systems on 1 April 2022. With this move, Rittal further expands its machine expertise as the competence centre for automation solutions: “We are very pleased to have gained Mr. Trautmann as an experienced top manager for Rittal Automation Systems. He possesses outstanding expertise in establishing and expanding the global market penetration with complex products, in particular in the American and Asian markets,” affirms Markus Asch, Rittal CEO and Chairman of the Management Board of the globally successful family enterprise.

Rittal Automation Systems is a powerful automation solution partner for industrial customers in the panel building and switchgear manufacturing sectors, and also in the mechanical engineering industry. Its portfolio encompasses automation solutions ranging from fully-automated laser machining centres to fully automated wire processing machines, and even manual tools.

To support customers in further automating their processes, Rittal Automation Systems acquired two companies on 1 January 2022, Ehrt Maschinenbau GmbH from Rheinbreitbach (Germany) and Alfra GmbH from Hockenheim (Germany), so that their combined expertise may be pooled in a single competence centre. Ehrt Maschinenbau GmbH is a worldwide market leader for punching and bending machines designed to process flat material, such as busbars and profiles. For more than 100 years, Alfra GmbH has been setting standards in the production of electrical equipment and tools for metalworking and also develops application solutions for magnet and lifting technology.

“As the market leader for enclosure and systems technology, Rittal enjoys an excellent reputation,” asserts Trautmann: “I am looking forward to this opportunity to build up the automation competence centre with Rittal Automation Systems.”

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Image 1 (221839000): New Managing Director at Rittal: As of 1 April 2022, Jochen Trautmann is responsible for Rittal Automation Systems at the enclosure and systems specialist Rittal in Herborn, Germany.

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**About Rittal**

Rittal, headquartered in Herborn, Germany, is a leading global provider of solutions for industrial enclosures, power distribution, climate control and IT infrastructure, as well as software and services. Systems made by Rittal are deployed in over 90 per cent of all industries across the world, including mechanical and plant engineering, food and beverages, and IT and telecommunications.

The international market leader’s product portfolio includes configurable enclosures, with data available across the entire production process. Smart Rittal cooling systems, with up to 75 per cent lower power and a great carbon advantage can communicate with the production landscape, enabling predictive maintenance and servicing. The offering also includes innovative IT products, from IT racks and modular data centres, to edge and hyperscale computing solutions.

Leading software providers Eplan and Cideon support the value chain, providing interdisciplinary engineering solutions, while Rittal Automation Systems offers solutions for switchgear. Within Germany, Rittal can supply products on demand within 24 hours – with precision, flexibility and efficiency.

Founded in 1961, Rittal is the largest company in the owner-operated Friedhelm Loh Group. The Friedhelm Loh Group is active worldwide, with 12 production sites and 94 international subsidiaries. It has 11,600 employees and posted revenues of €2.6 billion in fiscal 2019. In 2021, the family-run business was named one of Germany's leading employers by the Top Employers Institute, for the 13th year running. Within the scope of a Germany-wide survey, Focus Money magazine identified the Friedhelm Loh Group as one of the nation's best providers of vocational training for the fifth time in 2021.

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