

Media release

Change at the top of RUAG Defence

Berne, 3 October 2017. Dr Markus A. Zoller, CEO RUAG Defence, is set to leave RUAG at the end of October 2017 in order to pursue a new challenge outside of the company. Andreas Berger, Senior Vice President NEO RUAG Defence, will head up the division on an ad interim basis.

Dr Markus A. Zoller has headed RUAG Defence since 2013 and was a member of the Group Executive Board. The 49-year-old, who holds a degree in mechanical engineering from ETH Zurich and a doctorate in business administration from the University of St. Gallen, pursued the corporate strategy in his function as CEO of RUAG Defence and drove forward international growth by developing both the military and civil markets. He introduced new technologies, products and services, one of which was the Cyber Security business unit. He further expanded relations with RUAG's main customer, the Swiss Army, and improved the division's organisational effectiveness, making it fit for the future.

Urs Breitmeier, CEO of the RUAG Group, paid tribute to Dr Markus A. Zoller's achievements: "On behalf of both the Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank him for his valuable contribution and wish him only the very best for the future."

His successor has yet to be decided and will be communicated in due course. Andreas Berger, Senior Vice President NEO, will head up RUAG Defence on an ad interim basis. Cyber Security will be managed at Group level from the beginning of 2018 and report directly to the CEO of the RUAG Group.

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