

Media release

Dirk Prehn appointed as CEO of RUAG Aerostructures

Berne, 29 June 2018. At its meeting on 26 June, the Board of Directors of RUAG confirmed the appointment of Dirk Prehn as the new CEO of RUAG Aerostructures and Chairman of the Management Board of RUAG Aerospace Structures GmbH. Dirk Prehn will become a member of the RUAG Group Executive Board on 1 July 2018, succeeding Dr Alexander Toussaint who is leaving the company at his own request at the end of June.



In his previous function, Dirk Prehn (50) was already a member of the Management Board of the RUAG Aerostructures division. From 1 July, he will head the division and assume the role of Chairman of the Management Board of RUAG Aerospace Structures GmbH, which employs 1,250 people and has production facilities in Oberpfaffenhofen (Germany), Emmen (Switzerland) and Eger (Hungary). Urs Breitmeier, CEO RUAG Group, underlines the importance of this appointment: “I am delighted about the smooth transition and am confident that this will

ensure a sense of continuity within RUAG Aerostructures.”

Dirk Prehn has worked as Senior Vice President and Head Programs & Sales for RUAG Aerostructures since 2015. Before joining RUAG, he was Vice President Sales & Marketing at Premium Aerotec GmbH, an Airbus subsidiary headquartered in Augsburg, Germany. Prior to that, he worked as Head of Program Management at EADS – Military Air Systems (now the Airbus Group) at its Augsburg location and was responsible for all new programmes. Dirk Prehn is a qualified mechanical engineer and has close to 20 years of experience in the Aerospace and Defence industry. RUAG Aerostructures’ responsibilities include the complete global supply chains for the fuselage sections for Airbus and Bombardier. The division is focusing on reinforcing and expanding on its position as a global first-tier supplier, with the aim of achieving profitable growth. Dirk Prehn will continue to pursue this strategy.

The Board of Directors and the Group Executive Board of RUAG are delighted about finding an experienced successor and would like to wish Dirk Prehn every success. The Board of Directors and Group Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Alexander Toussaint for all of his hard work at RUAG.

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