

## Press Release

### Bossard Group

#### **Bossard invests in bigHead®'s innovative Fastening Technology**

Zug, February 19, 2014 - **The Bossard group strategically expands its market position with innovative fastening technologies by taking a 19 percent stake in the British company bigHead®. bigHead® is a market leader in the provision of fastening solutions for lightweight composite materials. Outside of Great Britain, Bossard is bigHead®'s global distribution partner. Both sides have agreed not to disclose the price of this equity stake.**

As companies in many industries focus on the reduction of both polluting emissions and product costs, the move away from conventional materials and the investment in lightweight modern composite materials continues to gather pace. bigHead®'s technology and products facilitate this development and have become a standard trusted by illustrious clientele in several key industries. Prestigious car manufacturers such as Rolls Royce Motors, BMW, Aston Martin, and Lamborghini use bigHead® fasteners as do the renowned shipbuilders Sunseeker Yachts and the RNLI. Companies in the construction, petro-chemical and wind-power industries also rely on bigHead® solutions.

bigHead® offers a standard product range of 400 designs, alongside a customer-specific design service very popular with engineers. The flexibility and reliability of the bigHead® solution allows engineers to optimise both their product design and manufacturing processes, particularly when using lightweight composite materials.

With current sales of around CH 4.0 million and a well-established brand within the composites industry, bigHead® is ideally positioned to grow in a high-tech niche that is seeing

unprecedented levels of expansion. Now further aligned with Bossard's global sales network, the potential for bigHead®'s significant international growth will be even greater.

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**Profile:**

Bossard is a leading supplier of intelligent solutions for industrial fastening technology. The company's complete portfolio for fasteners includes worldwide sales, technical consulting (engineering) and inventory management (logistics).

Its customers include local and multinational industrial companies who use Bossard's solutions to improve their productivity. Employing more than 1,800 people in over 60 locations around the world, the Group generated CHF 609.7 million in sales in 2013. Bossard is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.