

Press Release**Bossard Group****New Addition to the Bossard Group Management**

Zug, April 21, 2015 - The Bossard Group is expanding its Executive Committee: Frank Hilgers will be joining the ranks of the Group's Executive Committee with effect as of May 1, 2015. As part of the expansion of the business activities, Frank Hilgers will take over the group-wide responsibility of category management for brand products and engineered fastening solutions.

Frank Hilgers joined the Bossard Group with the acquisition of KVT-Fastening, and heads these business units since December 1, 2012. He has been appointed to join the Group Executive Committee with effect as of May 1, 2015 and will be responsible, in addition to his current managerial functions, for global category management. Before joining Bossard, Frank Hilgers was a member of the KVT-Koenig management team in charge of sales, product management and the fastening systems division. During his employment at Continental, from 2007 to 2009, Frank Hilgers was in charge of all national organizations of the spare parts business and key account management in the Commercial & Special Vehicle. From 2004 to 2007, he headed Group Strategy and Business Development at Siemens VDO Automotive and was in this capacity instrumental in the turnaround and sale of this Siemens segment. As senior manager for strategy, Frank Hilgers was in charge of major international projects at Accenture from 1997 until 2004, and was responsible for automotive suppliers and the shareholder value initiative in the German-speaking countries.

Frank Hilgers studied chemistry at and obtained his doctorate from the University of Stuttgart. He continued his professional studies at Kellogg University as part of an Executive MBA.

Frank Hilgers was born on August 26, 1966 and is a German citizen.

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The Bossard Group is a leading international supplier of product solutions and services in industrial fastener and assembly technology. With over 800,000 items in its comprehensive product range, technical consulting (engineering) and warehouse management (logistics) Bossard has positioned itself as an end-to-end supplier and partner in industry.

Bossard's customers include local and international industrial companies who use Bossard solutions to improve their productivity. With more than 2,000 employees in over 60 locations throughout the world, the Group earned CHF 618 million in sales in 2014. Bossard is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.