

PRESS RELEASE

Mahlo GmbH + Co. KG appoints Ralf Hopp as new managing director



Ralf Hopp: new managing director from the 1st October 2009..

Saal/Donau, 10th September 2009 – Mahlo GmbH + Co. KG in Saal/Donau, the number one designer and manufacturer of state-of-the-art textile machinery and appliances has appointed as from 01.10.2009 engineer Ralf Hopp as the company's new managing director. He comes to Mahlo from the Baumüller Nuremberg Group, leading specialists for automated solutions and systems in the motive-power engineering sector. As director at Baumüller Kamenz GmbH, Hopp managed that company's works in Kamenz and Bad Gandersheim and was responsible for the successful build-up of the mini-drive mechanisms side of the business. Prior to that, as

technical director of Baumüller Nuremberg GmbH, Hopp was responsible for operational matters, the shaping of corporate strategy and objectives and their realization in practical terms.

Robert Daul will retire from management on 01.10.2009 but will continue at Mahlo in an advisory capacity. As a company shareholder, Mr.Daul will retain his 10% holding and continue as managing director of the proprietorship.

Ralph Greenwood-Mahlo, a member of Mahlo GmbH + Co.KG : " The Mahlo family thanks Robert Daul for his 13 years of effective commitment on behalf of our family concern. In difficult times, by applying the maximum degree of personal involvement and with a profound understanding of market requirements, Robert Daul has transformed Mahlo into a company fit for the future, one that can effectively overcome the current upheavals in the textile sector. Through his efforts, we are today well-established worldwide as a leading provider of tailor-made solutions in the design and construction of machinery and systems for the textile, coating, film and paper industries. Robert Daul has thus created a sound basis for the progressive development of our company and in doing so has also helped safeguard jobs at our works in Saal. The Mahlo family thanks him for his unstinting efforts on their behalf and his ever-trustful co-operation with them. We are only too pleased that once he has gone into well-earned retirement he will, as consultant, maintain the close links with our company. At this very moment, during the current machinery-construction crisis, his extensive knowledge and contacts are of inestimable value to us in ensuring a smooth changeover in company management and long-term corporate development.

On the strength of his practical know-how and many years of experience in working together with machinery makers we have acquired with Ralf Hopp a well-qualified successor to manage our company's affairs. During his almost 20 years of activity at the Baumüller Group he has shown that he has a wealth of skills and abilities at both strategic development and operational management of a traditional, medium-sized, family-owned machinery maker. He is thus best qualified to lead and improve our company even more in difficult times. We look forward very much to working together with him".

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