

Press release of SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH AG

Personnel change in the management of Steeltec / Blankstahl division

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Within the scope of the recently communicated strategic repositioning of SCHMOLZ + BICKEN-BACH, its affiliated companies Steeltec AG and SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH Blankstahl GmbH and its affiliates in Germany Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey, France and Italy, which have up to now belonged to the former processing division, will be consolidated as the division Steeltec / Blankstahl and will be under one single management.

As of 1 August 2013, the following persons will take over the **management of the Steeltec /** Blankstahl division:

Gerd Münch (born in 1962), takes over the position as CEO in addition to his previous function as CEO of Steeltec, Emmenbrücke.

Peter Schubert (born in 1958), takes over the position as COO in addition to his previous function as CEO of SCHMOLZ+BICKENBACH Blankstahl GmbH.

The repositioning of the bright steel activities of the Group is targeted on strengthening our market position, on benefiting from synergies, on reducing costs and on simplifying structures.

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