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Press release

Siegfried Russwurm elected as new BDI President

- Dieter Kempf becomes Vice President in accordance with the statutes

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The general meeting of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) has elected Siegfried Russwurm as BDI President in a secret ballot without any dissenting votes. Russwurm will succeed Dieter Kempf on January 1, 2021, whose term of office ends on December 31, 2020. This was announced by the BDI in Berlin on Monday. Kempf will become Vice President of the BDI after the end of his term of office in accordance with the statutes.

"I will devote all my energies to ensuring that German industry overcomes the severe recession as quickly as possible and strengthens its leading global position in the digital transformation," said Russwurm. "The structural change in German industry, which has been intensified by Corona, is far-reaching. Only a strong and internationally competitive industry will ensure Germany's future viability. At the same time, it provides opportunities for advancement for each individual".

The 57-year-old Russwurm is chairman of the supervisory boards of the industrial companies Thyssenkrupp and Voith. He was a member of the Managing Board of Siemens AG from 2008 to 2017. During this time, he was responsible for all industrial issues, as Chief Technology Officer for Technology as well as for Healthcare and Human Resources. His regional responsibilities within the Siemens Group included Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Siegfried Russwurm was born in June 1963. In 1988, he completed his studies in manufacturing technology at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg as a graduate engineer, where he subsequently received his doctoral degree at the Chair of Applied Mechanics. He has been lecturing there in mechatronics since

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2005 and has been an honorary professor since 2009. He is married and has two adult children.

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Russwurm is a member of the Executive Board of the National Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech) and of the Board of the German-Swedish Chamber of Commerce. He was chairman of the North Africa Middle East Initiative of German Business (NMI) under the umbrella of the BDI, chairman of the Platform Industry 4.0 of several BDI member associations and member of the Restricted Board of the BDI member association of the mechanical engineering industry, VDMA. As Chief Human Resources Officer and Labor Director of Siemens, he was a member of the presidium of the Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA) from 2008 to 2010.

Further information and pictures of Prof. Dr.-Ing. Siegfried Russwurm can be found [here](#).

The BDI Presidential Board and Executive Board also elected the BDI Presidential Board for the 2021/22 term of office. The BDI Presidential Board will consist of the following persons from 1 January:

BDI President 2021/22

Professor Dr.-Ing. Siegfried Russwurm

BDI Vice Presidents 2021/22

(in alphabetical order):

Professor Thomas Bauer
Chairman of the Supervisory Board
BAUER Aktiengesellschaft

Achim Berg
Managing Partner
MABCON GmbH

Professor Dr.-Ing. Heinz Jörg Fuhrmann
Chairman of the Executive Board
Salzgitter AG

Dr.-Ing. Gunther Kegel
Chairman of the management team
Pepperl+Fuchs SE

Professor Dieter Kempf

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Christian Kullmann
Chairman of the Executive Board
Evonik Industries AG

Hildegard Müller
President
German Association of the Automotive Industry e. V. (VDA)

Ingeborg Neumann
General Managing Partner
Peppermint Holding GmbH

Carl Martin Welcker
Managing Partner
Alfred H. Schütte GmbH & Co. KG

BDI Presidential Board members 2021/22

(in alphabetical order):

Dr. Dominik von Achten
Chairman of the Managing Board
HeidelbergCement AG

Dr. Frank Appel
Chairman of the Board of Management (CEO)
Deutsche Post AG

Axel Aumüller
Member of the Executive Board (COO)
Nordzucker AG

Werner Baumann
Chairman of the Board of Management (CEO)
Bayer AG

Hubertus of Baumbach
Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors
C. H. Boehringer Sohn AG & Co KG

Dr. Olaf Berlien
Chairman of the Managing Board
OSRAM Licht AG

Professor Dr. Dagmar Braun
Managing Director
BBG - Braun Beteiligungs GmbH

Dr. Martin Brudermüller

Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors (CTO)
BASF SE

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Chairman of the Supervisory Board
Claas KGaA mbH

Franz-Peter Falke
Managing Partner
Falke KGaA

Dr. Erwin Flender
Shareholders
MAGMA Gießereitechnologie GmbH

Dr. Toralf Haag
Chairman of the Corporate Board of Management
Voith GmbH

Dr. Frank Heinrich
Chairman of the Management Board
SCHOTT AG

Sabine Herold
Managing Partner
DELO Industrieklebstoffe GmbH & Co KGaA

Dirk Hoke
CEO
Airbus Defence and Space GmbH

Timotheus Höttges
Chairman of the Board of Management
Deutsche Telekom AG

Joe Kaeser
Chairman of the Managing Board
Siemens AG

Sybille Kaiser
Executive Director
Porzellanfabrik Hermsdorf GmbH

Ola Källenius
Chairman of the Board of Management
Daimler AG

Christian Klein
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SAP SE

Peter Kurth
Executive President

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Dr. Joachim Lang
Director General and Member of the Presidential Board
Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e. V.

Wolfgang Langhoff
Chairman of the Board
BP Europe SE

Roland Leder
Vice President Finance & CFO
Aleris Rolled Products Germany GmbH

Dr. Nicola Leibinger-Kammüller
Chairwoman of the Group Management Board and
Labour Director
TRUMPF GmbH + Co KG (Holding)

Dr. Burkhard Lohr
Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors
K+S Aktiengesellschaft

Dr. Richard Lutz
Chairman of the Management Board
Deutsche Bahn AG

Dr. Frank Mastiaux
Chairman of the Board of Management
EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG

Dr. Andreas Mattner
Managing Director
ECE Projektmanagement G.m.b.H. & Co. KG

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Chairwoman of the Executive Board
thyssenkrupp AG

Armin Papperger
Chairman of the Executive Board
Rheinmetall AG

Professor Dr. Hagen Pfundner
Managing Director
Roche Pharma AG

Gregor Pillen
Chairman of the Board of Directors
IBM Deutschland GmbH

Dr. Helmar Rendez

Chairman of the Board
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Klaus Rosenfeld
Chairman of the Executive Board
Schaeffler AG

Winfried Schaur
Executive Vice President
UPM Paper ENA

Dr.-Ing. Rolf Martin Schmitz
Chairman of the Executive Board
RWE AG

Jens-Christian Senger
Chairman of the Management Board
ExxonMobil Central Europe Holding GmbH

Carsten Spohr
Chairman of the Executive Board
Deutsche Lufthansa AG

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Chairman of the Board of Management
TÜV NORD AG

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Chairman of the Management Board
ElringKlinger AG

Bettina Würth
Chairwoman of the Advisory Board of the Würth Group
Adolf Würth GmbH & Co. KG

Oliver Zipse
Chairman of the Board of Management
BMW AG