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Changes on the Managing Board of SMS group GmbH

Personnel news

Harald Rackel, currently Head of Digitalization at SMS group GmbH, is leaving this post on March 31, 2018 and, as from April 1, 2018, will join the Managing Board of elaxis AG, a subsidiary in the SMS group. On July 1, 2018, he will take over the position of CEO from Siegfried Koepf, who is due to retire on June 30.

Dr.-Ing. Katja Windt has been appointed Managing Director of SMS group GmbH as from April 1. As a member of the Managing Board, she will be responsible for the Digital Solutions and Electrical and Automation Systems Divisions. To take on her new post, the Doctor of Engineering specializing in Production Technology is leaving Jacobs University Bremen. She has been President of the University for several years. Over more than ten years in this function, she has, among other things, successfully implemented digitalization and logistics projects for customers in the steel industry.

SMS group is a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the steel and nonferrous metals industry. It has some 13,500 employees who generate worldwide sales of more than EUR 3 billion. The sole owner of the holding company SMS GmbH is the Familie Weiss Foundation.