

Press release

The Swiss solar inverter manufacturer Sputnik Engineering AG expands its management board

Biel, 1st September 2010. In future, Christoph Biedermann and Dr. Martin Zwyszig will support the management board at Sputnik Engineering AG, from Biel. The new three-member body already met for the first time in August, chaired by the president and chief executive officer of Sputnik Engineering AG, Christoph von Bergen. Sputnik Engineering's expansion of the management board is their reaction to the company's strong growth and increasing internationalisation.

The two new members of the board bring broad background knowledge and many years of management experience in international industrial companies: Dr. Martin Zwyszig (Swiss, 45) has had many years of experience as the chief financial officer of international, listed companies, first at Schaffner Holding AG, since 2008 at Ascom Holding AG (Bern, Switzerland). At Sputnik Engineering AG, the graduate in business management will focus his work on finances and human resources. "Solar energy is definitely a subject with a future, one I find very fascinating. I look forward to leaving my mark on this industry," explains Dr. Zwyszig. "What makes this situation especially exciting is that Sputnik is an owner-operated company and that the management board is being developed from the ground up."

Strategically navigate and monitor

Christoph Biedermann (Swiss, 53) holds a degree in electrical engineering from the ETH and earned an MBA at the INSEAD business school in Fontainebleau (France). At present he is a CEO at ABM Greiffenberger GmbH (Augsburg, Germany) and is an active member of the management board at Syntegra Solar International AG. Previously he held leading positions at the ABB group for 14 years in power electronics and was a consultant with McKinsey for four years. In his position as board member he plans to promote the continued expansion of Sputnik Engineering's international orientation. "What I find exciting about this task is the challenge of guiding a successful company in an attractive industry on its road of success," says Biedermann.

"We are active in a very dynamic market," adds Christoph von Bergen. "With the new three-member body we can navigate, monitor and develop our company professionally in an increasingly globalised market."



About Sputnik Engineering AG

Sputnik Engineering AG, a Swiss company, is one of the world's leading manufacturer of grid-connected solar inverters. Under the name SolarMax the company develops, produces and sells inverters for every facility – from photovoltaic systems on single-family homes whose output is low, to megawatt-scale solar power plants. The inverter is a key component of the solar plant, transforming the generated direct current into grid-compliant alternating current. Always featuring leading-edge technology, the reliable Swiss quality of SolarMax products ensures that their lives are long and their efficiency is the highest.

Today, Sputnik Engineering has a staff of 330 at its Swiss corporate headquarters and its subsidiaries in Neuhausen (Germany), Madrid (Spain), Milan (Italy) and Paris (France) and at their branch locations in Brussels and Prague.

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