



Media release

Hans-Jürgen Wiecha, CFO, leaves SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH end of February 2015

Emmenbrücke, 15 December 2014 –SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH AG, a global market leader in special steel (such as tool steel, stainless steel, and engineering steel) listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX: STLN) announces that Hans-Jürgen Wiecha, CFO of the Group, is stepping down from his responsibilities for the company on 28 February 2015 in mutual agreement and on the best of terms with the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors deeply regrets Mr Wiecha's leave. Under his leadership the financial restructuring of the SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH Group was achieved. Within the implementation of the new strategy, he is considered the architect of the ongoing performance improvement programme.

The Board of Directors thanks Mr Wiecha for his outstanding contribution and wishes him all the best for his future career and private life.

The Board of Directors will inform in due time about a new appointment for the CFO position.

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