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EAS to announce new generation of leaders

EAS change systems unveils new executive team

Renswoude, the Netherlands - EAS change systems, leading provider of cost effective factory automation solutions, is proud to announce a new executive team. The arrival of the next generation was announced in 2010 already, and now the time has come. After a long period of collaboration, the new generation is ready to take over control of the business. A new board of shareholders embarking on an era of rejuvenation for EAS.

Anika Marggrander now has a two-fold role as Executive Vice President alongside her sales responsibilities for the German speaking part of Europe and the CIS countries. Thierry Pastor promotes from General Manager China to Vice President Asia & Oceania, whilst overseeing the factory and the business development in Asia. Vincent Nijzink is the new CEO of the global organization.

New executive team

Starting as technical manager in France, Thierry was asked to start-up the factory in China, focusing on magnetic clamping solutions. Now he is COO of the Chinese subsidiary and responsible for business development in Asia.

Anika Marggrander, daughter of outgoing Vice President Hero Marggrander, joined EAS in 2010. Her distinct view at customer's challenges allows her to think outside the box and find a practical and user-friendly solution.

Vincent Nijzink, son of receding director Harm Nijzink, started in 2007 by as General Manager in China. He successfully established the Asian sales network. Vincent also started and structured the Chinese factory in Wujiang, Jiangsu Province, China. He returned to the Dutch headquarters in 2010 to take over the operational management as President of EAS Holding B.V. Now Vincent is succeeding his father as CEO of the global organization.

In North and Central America and the Caribbean the leadership remains in the hands of US General Manager, former Vice-President, Cliff Drake.

Board of advisors

Actively involved in the day-to-day running of the EAS business, advising clients and providing value-added solutions, founders Harm Nijzink, Hero Marggrander and Cliff Drake were also responsible for the development of key processes and inventions that help companies implement time- and cost saving mold and die change solutions. Innovative products involving single-minute exchange of die (SMED) applications on a worldwide scale.

In the fall of 2015 the EAS 'founding fathers' decided to hand over their corporate responsibilities after years of working together with the new generation. They will still offer their experience and expertise to the company and its customers as the EAS' board of advisors and are consulted for special projects.

Remarkable

The growth of EAS change systems can be called exceptional. In 2001, the company was represented in the Netherlands and the United States. France, Italy and China added to the organization's growth in the years up to 2015. The ambition for 2020 is to expand further with Brazil, Russia and Turkey, India or Mexico. Sales moved with a similar curve, in 2001 sales amounted to € 3.8 million. In 2015 this was increased to € 10.7 million and for 2020 the target is put at € 17.5 million.

The number of employees grew from 21 employees in 2001 to 73 employees in 2015 and will develop further to 100 in 2020.

SMED

EAS is the originator of QMC applications in Europe. Also, the organization has been at the forefront of all developments for SMED applications in the plastics industry.

EAS was the first on the European market to design and sell hydraulic clamping for injection molding machines and metal presses (SMED). The company herewith marked the start of the use of automatic multi couplers on the European market. In addition, over the last 14 years, the first applications of magnetic clamping devices for injection molding systems were introduced by EAS and the company laid the groundwork for the use of mold change carts and tables in the market. In the next five years this pioneering role will be expanded further as EAS comes with complete Smart Industry (4.0) solutions.

The company also shows itself to advocate sustainable employment, the pursuit of sustainable growth and the focus on sustainable product development. The future asks for it.

More information <http://easchangesystems.com/about-eas>

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