

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Gerhard Bickmann new CFO of profine GmbH

Dieter Mayer, CFO of profine GmbH since September 4, 2008, informed the Supervisory Board some time ago that for personal reasons he would not extend his contract of service, which expires at the beginning of September 2011.

The Supervisory Board regrets this decision and thanks Mr. Mayer for his strong commitment and work in a difficult environment. Mr. Mayer contributed to a great degree to profine's successful restructuring and refinancing, thus creating the basis for the successful further development of the profine group.

The Supervisory Board wishes Mr. Mayer all the best for the future.

Gerhard Bickmann (50) was appointed to the management of profine on June 6, 2011. Following an introductory period, he will take over the function of CFO of profine group in the middle of July.

Mr. Bickmann has a master's degree in business management from the Münster University of Applied Sciences in Germany. He also holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Humberside Polytechnic in England.

Mr. Bickmann started his career at BASF Lacke und Farben AG, where he held various positions in the Controlling department and in the staff of the CEO. That was followed by Head of Controlling at Hugo Kern and Liebers GmbH. Mr. Bickmann was subsequently appointed to the management of Vorwerk & Co Teppichwerke GmbH, where he was responsible for the area of finance, economics and controlling. Following another position as CFO and member of the Executive Board of Medvantis Medical Business Solutions AG, a venture capital company, Mr. Bickmann became CFO and a member of the management of Kabel Baden-Württemberg GmbH & Co. KG, where he played a major role in the successful restructuring and the subsequent reorganization of the shareholder structure. Mr. Bickmann's most recent position was CFO of the WEPA Group.

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## **About profine:**

profine GmbH - International Profile Group - is the world-wide leading manufacturer of plastic profiles for windows and doors as well as a notable supplier of shutter solutions and PVC sheets. The company was established in 2003, when HT TROPLAST consolidated its profile business activities (KBE, KÖM-MERLING, TROCAL) under one roof.

profine has a total of 3,200 employees at 28 locations in 21 countries. Around 1,800 of these employees work in Germany.

The production sites are located in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Ukraine, the United States and China. The company headquarters is in Troisdorf (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany).

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