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Board of VDMA Photovoltaics Equipment confirmed

Frankfurt, December 10, 2024 – The VDMA's Photovoltaic Equipment sector group held its regular elections at its board meeting on December 5 and confirmed its top management. Prof. Dr. Peter Fath, RCT Solutions GmbH, was re-elected as Chairperson of the Board and Dr. Stefan Rinck, Singulus Technologies AG, was re-elected as Deputy Chairperson.

‘We are glad to continue our successful cooperation on the Board. In view of the growing competition, particularly from China, we are doing everything we can to secure and further expand one of the leading positions in German-European solar machinery manufacturing. Our common goal is to re-establish PV production with machines and technologies from German and European photovoltaic machinery manufacturers in Europe. A resilient supply of domestic products to the energy sector should be a concern for all of us. At the same time, we want to utilise our innovative strength to strengthen exports to global markets and make a decisive contribution to supplying the European and global PV production landscape’ says Prof Dr Peter Fath.

Dr Stefan Rinck adds: ‘We will drive forward our goals by vigorously representing the interests of PV machinery manufacturers vis-à-vis politicians in Germany and the EU. At the same time, we are focussing on intensifying joint research activities with universities and research institutes, expanding strategic partnerships within the industry and promoting innovations along the entire value chain. We also want to strengthen the transfer of knowledge, set new standards and promote initiatives to develop skilled labour in order to ensure the long-term competitiveness of the German-European PV mechanical engineering industry.’

The new Executive Board of the VDMA's Photovoltaics Equipment sector group is made up of a total of nine personalities:

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The VDMA Photovoltaic Equipment sector group congratulates all elected board members and looks forward to a successful co-operation.

For further information, please visit our website: <https://pv.vdma.org>.

The VDMA represents 3600 German and European mechanical and plant engineering companies. The industry stands for innovation, export orientation and SMEs. The companies employ around 3 million people in the EU-27, more than 1.2 million of them in Germany alone. This makes mechanical and plant engineering the largest employer among the capital goods industries, both in the EU-27 and in Germany. In the European Union, it represents a turnover volume of an estimated 910 billion euros. Around 80 percent of the machinery sold in the EU comes from a manufacturing plant in the domestic market.