

Term of office to commence on 1 January 2019

## **Susanne Szczesny-Oßing to be next DVS President**

**Susanne Szczesny-Oßing, Chair of the Supervisory Board of EWM AG, will be taking over as the new President of the German Welding Society (DVS) on 1 January 2019, meaning that for the first time in its over 120-year history, the organisation will be led by a woman. This is also the first time that the Board of Directors of the technical and scientific society has elected a holder of a business administration degree as its President. An entrepreneur from Mündersbach (Westerwald), Szczesny-Oßing's primary objectives are to keep moving forward with digitalizing basic and advanced training and resolving the skilled labour shortage in Germany's welding and joining technology industry.**

Susanne Szczesny-Oßing has contributed to DVS committee work for many years now, serving on the Board of Directors in 2005 and on the Steering Committee in 2007 as well as the Finance Committee. She became Vice-President of the DVS in 2011, and has now been unanimously elected President by the organisation's Board of Directors. She will take over the office in January 2019 with the departure of Professor Dr.-Ing. Heinrich Flegel.

### **Focus on training and business issues**

In January 2019 Susanne Szczesny-Oßing will become the first woman to lead the Society of some 19,000 members. As Chair of the Supervisory Board of EWM AG based in Mündersbach and managing shareholder of EWM Industry GmbH, she is well-versed in the industry's challenges. Her work going forward will in part focus on modernising basic and advanced training on welding and joining technologies, drawing upon the know-how of her extensive network of contacts in the industry and the wider business sector. Mrs. Szczesny-Oßing has been President of the Koblenz Chamber of Industry and Commerce since 2017, and is active as corporate-sector representative on the Technology Council of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate. Susanne Szczesny-Oßing: "Welding and joining technology is evolving at a break-neck pace. We at EWM AG, as a technology leader, are at the vanguard of this evolution. To

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remain fit for the future and retain this leading position, we have to be willing to adapt to change.” In view of the digitalization revolution and the deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) in welding technology among other factors, Mrs. Szczesny-Oßing sees the industry as being in the midst of a transformation in which completely new job profiles are being created. As DVS President she will be devoting her energies and business acumen to ensuring that the organisation takes a future-oriented stance. “The Society’s solution-finding competency is underscored by 120 years of experience at the nexus of research, technology and training. The task now is to leverage this experience together in optimal fashion. I look forward to taking on these exciting challenges,” commented the incoming DVS President.

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Susanne Szczesny-Oßing will be taking over as the new DVS President on 1 January 2019. She is the Chair of the Supervisory Board of EWM AG and a managing shareholder of EWM Industry GmbH, and will be the first woman and the first business administration degree holder to lead this technical and scientific society.



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## **About EWM:**

EWM AG is Germany's largest and one of the most important worldwide manufacturers of arc welding technology. The family-run company from Mündersbach has been living its motto, "We are welding", for over 60 years with forward-looking, well thought-out and sustainable complete solutions designed with a large helping of passion for industrial clients, as well as skilled craft businesses.

EWM develops high-end welding technology. The company, based in Germany's Westerwald region, offers complete systems that cover everything from high-quality welding machines (and all associated components), through welding torches, to welding consumables and accessories for manual and automated applications. EWM has made a name for itself worldwide thanks to its plants in Germany, China and the Czech Republic.

Users praise the products' ease of operation and excellent results. Companies value the solid consultancy, service and enormous savings that come with EWM systems. The welding processes, some of which are patented, reduce the consumption of materials, energy and time during operation, and produce up to 75 percent fewer welding fume emissions.

The innovative welding manufacturer currently employs around 700 employees at 14 German and 7 international locations, with just under 400 of these being based at the original headquarters in Mündersbach.

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