

Patrice Gay appointed as CSO for KSM Castings Group GmbH

International sales and OEM specialist strengthens management team

Hildesheim, 9. July 2020. The management of KSM Castings Group GmbH, one of the leading automotive suppliers of lightweight die-cast aluminum and magnesium components for chassis, transmissions and engines, has been strengthened with Patrice Gay as Chief Sales Officer (CSO). He comes from CITIC Dicastal, where he was responsible for the wheel business with many well-known OEM partners for the PSA Group, Renault-Nissan, Toyota, Honda, BMW and Tesla in Europe over the last ten years.

„We are very pleased that Patrice Gay has accepted the challenge of restructuring KSM Castings Group GmbH together with the management team and bringing the company back on the road to success,“ said Dr. Zhihua Zhu, CEO of KSM Castings Group GmbH.

Patrice Gay holds a Master’s degree from the renowned French engineering school École Nationale Supérieure d’Arts et Métiers, ENSAM (now Arts et Métiers ParisTech). He has been working in the automotive supply industry for more than 35 years. He has extensive sales, marketing and management expertise as an executive in various international supplier companies with national and European responsibility. Career stages have included Labinal, Valeo, Global Technology, SEWS-E and most recently CITIC Dicastal Co Ltd, where he is President Dicastal Europe Sales.

Extended Management Team

Patrice Gay is the second extension of the KSM management team, after the restructuring and reorganisation experts Prof. Dr. Gerrit Hölzle and Dr. Thorsten Bieg were appointed to the management board as Chief Insolvency Officers (CIO) last week. Previously, COO Oliver Janz had left the company at his own request to take up a new professional challenge.

Under the leadership of CEO Dr. Zhihua Zhu, the management team will prepare the restructuring plan for the Hildesheim-based automotive supplier in the coming weeks.

About KSM Castings Group GmbH

KSM Castings Group GmbH is one of the leading automotive suppliers of lightweight die-cast aluminum and magnesium components for chassis, transmissions and engines. KSM Castings GmbH employs around 2,350 people at five production sites in Germany and the Czech Republic. Customers include automobile manufacturers and OEM suppliers such as Volkswagen, Daimler AG, BMW, ZF, Benteler and Bosch. In 2019, the company generated sales of 360 million Euros..

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