

Media Release

COMET Group: Stefan Moll appointed Head of X-Ray Systems

Flamatt, April 3, 2012. The Board of Directors of COMET Holding AG has appointed Stefan Moll as the new head of Hamburg-based X-Ray Systems (YXLON) and a member of the COMET Group Executive Committee effective May 1, 2012. On that date the current incumbent, Dr. Joseph Kosanetzky, will hand over operational control of X-Ray Systems to Stefan Moll. Thereafter Dr. Kosanetzky will make his in-depth experience in industrial X-rays available to the Group as an independent technology partner.

Stefan Moll (*1968), a German national, has headed the R&D and Customized Solutions department of Hamburg-based X-Ray Systems since July 2011. He has many years' experience in a variety of leading positions at international companies including BBraun Avitum AG and Dräger Medizintechnik GmbH. At Melsungen-based BBraun Avitum AG he was head of R&D for medical engineering products and new technologies from 2007 to 2011, managing up to seven locations and leading the business development process for marketing complex software-driven systems in Asia. Between 2007 and 2009 he headed the dialysis and apheresis R&D division. Prior to that, Stefan Moll was head of development, responsible among other things for the strategic orientation of the complex medical devices product group, where he tripled turnover and improved quality through firm management of the production, purchasing and service processes. Stefan Moll is a qualified design engineer and has completed an in-house MBA training course.

Dr. Joseph Kosanetzky (*1953) took over as CEO of Hamburg-based YXLON International Holding GmbH at its establishment in 1998. In the course of the acquisition of YXLON by the COMET Group in 2007, he became the head of the Systems division. At the same time, he was appointed a member of the COMET Group Executive Committee. Under his stewardship, YXLON has set new standards in many areas, including digital imaging (HDR) and X-ray systems (Variofocus), and developed several of the world's currently most successful X-ray testing systems (Y.MU2000). Joseph Kosanetzky helped multiply turnover more than fourfold from EUR 20 million in 1997 to EUR 93 million in 2011, and grew YXLON into the global market leader in the field of non-destructive material testing using X-ray technology.



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The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors would like to thank Dr. Joseph Kosanetzky for his tremendous tireless efforts, and look forward to continuing to work with him as an independent technology partner for the COMET Group.

The Executive Committee wishes Stefan Moll and Dr. Joseph Kosanetzky much success with the challenges that lie ahead.

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COMET Group corporate calendar:

April 18, 2012	General Meeting
August 23, 2012	Publication of 2012 half-year results
November 14, 2012	Investor Day 2012

The **COMET Group** is one of the world's leading manufacturers of systems and components for non-destructive material testing, security and semi-conductor markets. With the acquisition of the YXLON Group, it became the global market leader in the non-destructive testing of materials using X-ray technology. With core competencies in vacuum technology, high-voltage engineering and materials science and core products that include X-ray tubes and vacuum capacitors, COMET provides a comprehensive and highly flexible range of components, modules, systems and services - all from a single source. Its areas of activity are split into the divisions for OEM (Modules & Components division with the COMET brand) and end-customer business (Systems division with the YXLON brand).

COMET was founded in 1948 and is headquartered in Flamatt, near Berne, in Switzerland. The COMET Group is represented in all global markets. The company has production facilities in Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, China and the United States, and owns subsidiaries in the US, China and Japan. COMET shares (COTN) are traded on the SIX Swiss Exchange.