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New Executive Vice President Service at Stadler

Jürg Gygax, Executive Vice President Service and member of Stadler's Group Executive Board, has decided to retire as of 31 March 2021 and to hand over his operational responsibility after more than three decades in top positions in the Swiss industry. At Stadler, he has led the Division Service, which he has been responsible for since 2013, to significant growth. He will continue to work for Stadler in a consulting role. Daniel Baer is his successor, and Benjamin Niederhauser will become Daniel Baer's deputy.

Jürg Gygax joined Stadler in early 2005 as a member of the Group Executive Board. In 2013, he became responsible for the Division Service, which counts today approximately 1,300 employees in more than 19 countries. After more than 15 years at Stadler, Jürgen Gygax has decided to leave his position, to withdraw from the operational responsibility and to retire as of the end of March of 2021. In order to enable a smooth generation change, he will continue to support Stadler after his retirement in a consulting role.

Shaping Swiss technology companies over decades in management positions

Before his time at Stadler, Jürg Gygax worked from as the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of MOWAG, a Kreuzlingen-based manufacturer of special vehicles, and as the CEO of Saurer Sticksysteme in Arbon, Switzerland. He had also held various positions at Rieter AG. Gygax graduated as an engineer. Furthermore, he completed the Executive Management Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US, and the Business Management program at SKU in Zurich, Switzerland.

Experienced successor: Daniel Baer

Daniel Baer started to work at Stadler in 2004 and will succeed Jürg Gygax as Executive Vice President Service and member of the Group Executive Board. Currently, he is a member of the executive board of Stadler Service AG. Before his current function, he has held different specialist and management positions within the Division Service. He had also held positions at ABB and Huber+Suhner Daniel Baer holds a master's degree in engineering and management from the Zurich University of Applied Sciences and a degree in engineering from the ABB Technikerschule based in Baden, Germany. Before deciding to study at university, he successfully completed an apprenticeship as an electrical fitter. The current Head of Stadler's Service Region Middle, Benjamin Niederhauser, was appointed as Daniel Baer's deputy.

Decades of cooperation and outlook

Peter Spuhler, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Group CEO ad interim of Stadler, says: "On behalf of Stadler's Board of Directors, I would like to thank Jürg Gygax for his great commitment and all his remarkable

achievements. I know him as a committed and entrepreneurial person with great leadership skills. For many years, I worked with him closely and together we solved challenging situations. For this new phase of his life, I wish Jürg Gygax and his family all the best, good health and happy years to come. At the same time, I congratulate Daniel Baer and Benjamin Niederhauser on their new positions and wish them every success in their new roles. I am looking forward to continuing our cooperation.”

Strong growth in service – Stadler as a solution provider

Thanks to its comprehensive range of services, Stadler is a solution provider for rail transport. Customers can not only buy trains and locomotives from Stadler, but they can also profit from various services such as full service, modernizations and overhauls carried out in more than 45 locations in 19 countries. The Division Service, providing these services and being led by Jürg Gygax until the end of March 2021, is growing strongly. The fleet maintained by Stadler's Division Service is able to cover a mileage of over 220 million kilometres each year.

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About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 75 years. The provider of rail vehicle construction solutions has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of around 12,000 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 40 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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