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## **New Top Management at Kjellberg Finsterwalde**

### **Volker Krink and Dr. Jörg Eßmann Face Current Challenges**

**Finsterwalde** \_ Volker Krink and Dr. Jörg Eßmann form the new management of the Kjellberg Finsterwalde Plasma und Maschinen GmbH – the biggest member of the group of companies Kjellberg Finsterwalde which is run by a foundation. This company has approx. 290 employees who mainly work in the development and production of plasma cutting units and consumables.

While Volker Krink has worked with Kjellberg Finsterwalde for many years, the Doctor of mechanical engineering Jörg Eßmann is a new face, who joins the group to meet the current challenges for the long-established brand. „At present, the biggest challenge for us as management board is to steer the company with all its employees through the Corona crisis as unscathed as possible and to seize the opportunities which every crisis offers for the future.“ Dr. Eßmann knows this also thanks to his experiences as developer and project manager with the German Fraunhofer society and as production manager with an international high-technology company.

At present, the social, economic and technological situation is changing faster than ever. Volker Krink speaks from his own extensive experience with Kjellberg Finsterwalde, when he concludes: „We need to focus now on what we are particularly good at and what we have some influence upon. This includes mastering present development projects successfully and starting new ones in order to remain a strong factor in the market.“ This includes especially the new and further development of those technologies which have made Kjellberg Finsterwalde so successful all over the world. The current developments regarding Industry 4.0 are the key topic at the moment. „Already today we enhance the profile of our development department and lead the way to software development“, says Krink proudly and adds „We live in an exciting time where new challenges are emerging time and again.“

The employees are the foundation for future success –both managing directors agree on this. „As I appreciate team work very much, I’m especially looking forward to the cooperation with the employees. From first discussions I know that we are open to change. This is the condition to continuously develop the product technology and organisation for our world-class products with excellent sales force at the highest level“, confirms Dr. Jörg Eßmann. For the new managing directors of the Kjellberg Finsterwalde Plasma und Maschinen GmbH, a trusting relationship and entrepreneurial confidence are the conditions for continuing to face the strong competition successfully.

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**Picture:** The entire Kjellberg group wishes Volker Krink (left) and Dr. Jörg Eßmann (right) every success in dealing with their present and future tasks. (©Picture: Stefanie Lübeck, Kjellberg Finsterwalde)

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