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PRESS RELEASE

New leaders at the head of CAPIEL aim to guide and support market stakeholders towards excellence

At the general meeting of CAPIEL, the European Coordinating Committee of Manufacturers of Electrical Switchgear and Controlgear, held in Athens on 10 July 2015, **Mr. Karlheinz KAUL was appointed as the new President of the association, and Mr. Markus HARLINGHAUSEN as the new Vice President.**

On the eve of COP 21 on climate change conference, CAPIEL aims **to guide and support market stakeholders towards excellence and long term value creation**, committing with all CAPIEL members on high level "standards" in the fields of ethics, environment protection and quality. These goals apply to the entire value chain, from suppliers to sales and are **means to deliver the full value of their offering to customers and other stakeholders.**

Strengthening the image and the actions of CAPIEL towards the public and the European institutions, the President and the Vice-president of CAPIEL are already dealing **with strategic concrete topics** as:

- the role of Low Voltage switchgear and controlgear for a **better efficiency** of electrical distribution networks via **smart grids applications**,
- the contribution of Low Voltage switchgear and controlgear in the **connected industry 4.0**,
- the respect of **the conformity of products and equipment** to security, functionalities and environmental rules.

Corporate social responsibility, environmental care, best in class quality and highest level of service is the credo of CAPIEL industry all over the world!

About CAPIEL:

CAPIEL, the European Coordinating Committee of Manufacturers of Electrical Switchgear and Controlgear, was founded in 1968. It is a broad-based group that represents twelve national associations that comprise more than 550 manufacturers in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom. Members of national associations represented by CAPIEL include small, medium and large-sized companies that in total employ in the order of 100,000 people directly in Europe.

CAPIEL covers a wide range of low voltage products and services essential for the operation, protection and control of the electrical distribution networks, from the power plant to the final consumer of electricity.

President



Karlheinz KAUL
Digital Factory Division
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Karlheinz Kaul has been CEO of Control Components and Systems Engineering Business Unit since 2009.

He has held several management positions in the Industry and Healthcare Sectors of Siemens, covering R&D, Manufacturing, Sales and General Management.

He holds a diploma in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Applied Sciences in Nuremberg, Germany.

Vice President



Markus HARLINGHAUSEN
Senior Vice President Partner Projects Lines of Business
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Markus Harlinghausen joined Schneider Electric in December 2013 and is currently heading the LV Products & Systems Division within Partner and Buildings Business Unit. He has a broad experience in the T&D industry from holding different functions such as marketing & sales, project management, manufacturing and general management during his more than 15 years in ABB and Siemens in Europe and Asia. From 2004 to 2005 he was heading production & technology for the public transportation services of DB Regio AG in Southeast Germany. He got his master degree in electrical engineering from the Technical University of Braunschweig and a master degree in economics from the University of Hagen.

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