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## SAMSON Brings Peter Knapp on Board to Prepare for a Digital Future

As of 1 June 2016, Mr. Peter Knapp will assume the position of Chief Digital Officer at SAMSON, a medium-sized mechanical engineering company. This step underlines the company's intention to take on the major trend of digitization. Mr. Knapp will develop and expand the digital infrastructure for the company's entire value chain in the newly created position. This will allow SAMSON to reinforce its innovative strength and global market position.

"The decision to bring Peter Knapp on board will take SAMSON one step closer to achieving its goal of becoming the first choice for smart valves, efficient production, flexible processes, and sophisticated applications," declared Dr. Andreas Widl, Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Knapp has many years' experience in the IT business. Over the past 14 years, he served as managing director of Interxion Deutschland GmbH. This company is located in SAMSON's direct neighborhood in Frankfurt and has become the world's largest data exchange node by operating and expanding several data centers. Accepting the new challenge, Mr. Knapp with his determination and target orientation intends to implement Industry 4.0 requirements into corporate practice at SAMSON.

SAMSON AG, a European market leader in control valves for industrial processes, has been successful in instrumentation and controls for over 100 years. Numerous inventions and innovations guarantee SAMSON's constant growth and on-going success.

SAMSON manufactures control and butterfly valves for use in all areas of process engineering as well as self operated regulators for simple control systems with a constant reference variable. Sophisticated transmitters, controllers, and automated systems round off the SAMSON product line. Together with the SAMSON subsidiaries (AIR TORQUE, CERA SYSTEM, KT-ELEKTRONIK, LEUSCH, RINGO VÁLVULAS, PFEIFFER, SAMSOMATIC, STARLINE, and VETEC), SAMSON AG offers a product portfolio to meet all industrial process requirements.

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