



## Media release

### **Johan van de Steen nominated for election as new SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH Board of Directors' member at Annual General Meeting 2015**

Emmenbrücke, 12 March 2015 – The Board of Directors of SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH AG, a global leader in special long steel (such as tool steel, stainless steel, and engineering steel) listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX: STLN), has nominated Johan van de Steen to be elected as new Member of the SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH Board of Directors at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 15 April 2015.

Johan Van de Steen (born 1965), a Belgian national, graduated from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium with a Masters in Electronics Engineering and holds an MBA from INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France.

He started his career in the Telecommunications Division of Siemens in 1990 and held several global positions at the company. Following his MBA in 1996, he joined McKinsey & Company in London as a strategy consultant. Since 2002, he has been working as an Operating Partner and Head of Portfolio in Private Equity in London, seven years with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. Ltd (London), four years with Vision Capital LLP (London) and one year with Strategic Value Partners LLP. Since 2014 Johan van de Steen is the Head of Portfolio for Renova Management AG.

During his 13 years in Private Equity, Johan van de Steen has built extensive experience as Board Member/Interim Manager/CRO in a wide variety of industrial sectors (incl. industrials, telecoms, services, and semi-conductors). His focus and interest lie with strategic topics and operational value creation.

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