



THERMAL SYSTEMS

## Press Release

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### Seamless handover of department management

#### Dr Paul Wild takes over R&D at Rehm

**Since February 1, 2019, the research and development department at Rehm Thermal Systems has had a new manager: Dr Paul Wild. He takes over as department head from Dr Hans Bell, who has led the research and development department for nearly 20 years and will retire in 2020. Dr Wild has worked for Rehm since the end of 2014.**

The previous deputy, Dr Paul Wild, experienced and technologically well-versed, now takes over the management of the development department. "Over the last few years I have been able to familiarise myself with many aspects of the R&D department and accumulate valuable experience. I quickly got involved in the existing development processes and worked with my scientific expertise to expand R&D," says Dr Wild, who has worked for Rehm, manufacturer of thermal system solutions, since the end of 2014. Dr Bell's three key pillars of research and development at Rehm will remain the focus for the future: Research projects with institutes and industrial project partners, technological cooperation with customers, but above all internal research and development projects.

After nearly 20 years as head of the research and development department, Dr Hans Bell will continue to work in research and development at Rehm until he retires in 2020, passing on his experience and know-how to assist Paul Wild in meeting the new challenges. "I have great confidence for the future, because the department is in very good hands," says Dr Bell. "Paul Wild has a gift for talking with people, listening to them and leading creative conversations." He has always felt comfortable "in and with the entire Rehm team," says Dr Bell. "It's a good relationship that is perfectly goal-oriented. For that I'm very thankful."

To this day, Dr Bell values the work with the customers and project partners of Rehm Thermal Systems: "It is important to maintain a balance between our own development and technological know-how transfer in cooperation with partners." There's one thing that makes him prouder than any other: the integration of young people into the company. "Be it students or school pupils who completed internships or undertaking graduate study in development – many have stayed with Rehm to this day. It shows that the company has a really great appeal."

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### **Dr Paul Wild**

Dr Paul Wild studied Aerospace Engineering at the University of Stuttgart. After graduation he worked as a research associate at Hahn-Schickard Institute for Microsystems Engineering in Stuttgart. His specialisation was the reliability analysis of mechatronic systems, particularly based on MID technology. He has worked in the research and development department at Rehm Thermal Systems since November 2014. The main focus of his work is the development and enhancement of thermal systems, as well as technological cooperation with institutes and companies. In 2018 he received his doctorate from Hahn-Schickard Institute on the subject of reliability and life-cycle modelling of solder joints.

### **Dr Hans Bell**

Dr Hans Bell has led the Research and Development Department at Rehm Thermal Systems since 2000. Until the end of 1999 he worked as a manufacturing technologist for DeTeWe in Berlin and was predominantly responsible for production-oriented tasks in the development of connection technologies, particularly soft soldering. During this time he obtained a doctorate from TU Munich, specialising in soldering. Over the course of his career Dr Bell has acquired extensive knowledge in the field of soft soldering, as illustrated by numerous patents, technical papers and books, and lectures and seminars.

*Attached are pictures of Dr Paul Wild (left) and Dr Hans Bell (right) (Pictures: Rehm Thermal Systems).*

### **About Rehm Thermal Systems**

As a specialist in thermal system solutions for the electronics and photovoltaics industry, Rehm is a technology and innovation leader in state-of-the-art, cost-effective manufacturing of electronic assemblies. As a globally active manufacturer of reflow soldering systems with convection, condensation or vacuum, of drying and coating systems, functional test systems, equipment for metallisation of solar cells as well as numerous customised systems, we have a presence in all key growth markets and, as a partner with more than 25 years of industry experience, are able to implement innovative production solutions that set new standards.