

Press Release**Semperit Group: New major contracts for Sempertrans and new management team**

- Two major contracts totalling more than 60 km of conveyor belts won
- Markus Keller as new General Manager of Sempertrans
- Franz-Otto Geesmann and Peter Klaus strengthen the Sempertrans management team

Vienna, 19 October, 2017 – The Sempertrans segment of the Semperit Group, one of the leading manufacturers of conveyor belts worldwide, has a new management team. Its major goals are to increase profitability sustainably and utilise market opportunities efficiently. “With two new major contracts for copper mines in Asia and America we have done outstandingly well recently. Overall, we will supply more than 60 km of our high-performance conveyor belts,” says Semperit-CEO Martin Fuellenbach.

Since April 2017, Markus Keller (49) has been Head of the Sempertrans segment. In this position, he is responsible for the realignment of the segment and the associated stronger positioning as a solution provider. He studied mechanical engineering, has 25 years of experience in the conveyor belt industry and has worked successfully as Head of Technical and Operations of Sempertrans since 2011.

As Head of Operations since June 2017, Franz-Otto Geesmann (49) has strengthened the Sempertrans management team, bringing with him years of experience in the field of conveyor belt technology. Prior to that, he contributed his technological expertise as well as his extensive industry knowledge to renowned companies such as RWE, Thyssenkrupp and FLSmidth.

In August 2017, Peter Klaus took over the position as Head of Commercial Sempertrans. After 22 years of various positions with ContiTech and three years with Fenner, he worked most recently as Managing Director of Fourthane Productive Solutions in Chile. The fifty-year-old studied mechanical and production engineering in Hannover.

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About Semperit

The publicly listed company Semperit AG Holding is an internationally-oriented group that develops, produces, and sells in more than 100 countries highly specialised rubber products for the medical and industrial sectors: examination and surgical gloves, hydraulic and industrial hoses, conveyor belts, escalator handrails, construction profiles, cable car rings, and products for railway superstructures. The headquarters of this long-standing Austrian company, which was founded in 1824, are located in Vienna. The Semperit Group employs around 6,500 people worldwide, including about 3,500 in Asia and more than 800 in Austria (Vienna and production site in Wimpassing, Lower Austria). The Group has 22 manufacturing facilities worldwide and numerous sales offices in Europe, Asia, Australia and America. In 2016 the group generated revenue of EUR 852 million and an EBITDA of EUR 78 million.

About Sempertrans

Sempertrans is one of the largest and most technologically advanced conveyor belt manufacturers in the world. The portfolio includes textile belts and steel cord belts for the most demanding applications in the mining, cement and steel industries as well as other applications such as ports, quarries and chemical industry. Conveyor belts from Sempertrans are distinguished worldwide for their high reliability and long life. Thanks to customized production, they also have an impressive versatility. Sempertrans serves customers from design, through manufacturing and installation, to maintenance, and is represented worldwide by a production and distribution network with expert partners for service and systems design. In 2016, Sempertrans generated revenues of EUR 148 million (approx. 17% of the group revenue) and EBITDA of EUR 16 million.