## Hess Group, 57299 Burbach-Wahlbach, Germany

## New managing director at Schlosser Pfeiffer

Schlosser Pfeiffer GmbH, a subsidiary of Hess Maschinenfabrik, has appointed Mr. Karl-Werner Kohns as its new managing director. He forms the new top management of the Hess subsidiary together with Peter Kalkofen, who will retire in 2013.

Kohns, born in 1960, thus belongs to the Hess Group with effect from 1 May 2012. The engineering graduate brings along more than two decades of experience in the concrete block industry. It is intended that the know-how associated with that will drive developments in machine and plant engineering at Schlosser Pfeifer further forward, so that the company can further strengthen its position in the world market.

Schlosser Pfeiffer GmbH is a leading supplier of machines and plants for the manufacture of concrete pipes, manholes and other precast concrete parts, as well as concrete mixing plants with planetary mixers.



Karl-Werner Kohns became managing director of Schlosser Pfeifer, a subsidiary of Hess Machinenfabrik, on 1 May 2012

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