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### **Change in management at RAIL.ONE**

Ralf Sobottka becomes new Chief Executive Officer

**Neumarkt, Germany, 28 January 2010 – Tilo Brandis (42), until now CEO, has left the company amicably and at his own wish, to take effect immediately. His successor is Ralf Sobottka (49), who has been Chief Financial Officer since April of 2008.**

Ralf Sobottka, who has a degree in economics, has long years of national and international experience in management, which has resulted in ongoing dynamic development of the company. Before his move to RAIL.ONE, he was CFO at DyStar Group – preceded by leading positions in the financial management of the Henkel and Cognis Group. According to Ralf Sobottka, “Thanks to its innovative and practically oriented products on the market occupied by providers of railway track systems, RAIL.ONE has assumed a leading position around the world. To continue on its successful course, it is above all essential to have committed staff – in addition to an outstanding product portfolio and continued innovations. And RAIL.ONE has 800 such committed employees throughout the world.”

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### **Profile of RAIL.ONE GmbH:**

RAIL.ONE GmbH conducts business with the goal of providing comprehensively oriented systems and engineering for the entire field of railway tracks with its many and varied requirements. With its patented RHEDA 2000® ballastless track system, the company has achieved an internationally leading position in the field of high-speed rail transportation. In addition, RAIL.ONE manufactures main-track and turnout sleepers made of concrete. In these areas, RAIL.ONE GmbH – as one-stop supplier and in close collaboration with its customers and partners – performs all activities involved in product development, manufacture, and application of concrete sleepers: beginning with engineering; including production, supply, and logistics; and extending to quality management.

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With over 800 employees in its plants in Germany, China, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, South Korea, Turkey, and Hungary, RAIL.ONE offers annual production capacity for 3.3 million main-track sleepers, as well as over 680,000 linear metres of turnout sleepers. The company achieves average annual sales of approximately €160 million.

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