

# Changes in AMAG's Management Team



The Management Board from April 2014 (from left to right): COO Dr. Helmut Kaufmann, CEO Helmut Wieser, CFO Gerald Mayer

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*The Supervisory Board of AMAG Austria Metall AG has appointed Helmut Wieser Chairman of the Management Board (CEO) of AMAG Austria Metall AG for a period of three years, effective April 1, 2014. Helmut Wieser will be taking the helm from Gerhard Falch, who will be resigning from the Management Board of AMAG Austria Metall AG and moving over to become a member of the Supervisory Board. In the interest of a smooth transition, Helmut Wieser has already been serving on the Board since March 3, 2014.*

**G**erhard Falch has held the position of Chairman of the Management Board of AMAG for six and a half years. Jointly with his fellow Board members, CFO Gerald Mayer and COO Helmut Kaufmann, he played a key role in writing the company's recent success story.

As a manager with global experience, Gerhard Falch placed special emphasis on continuously developing the company and particularly the Ranshofen location. This is shown by a number of investments made in recent years in new, state-of-the-art equipment and infrastructure. His first priority in all approaches was to maintain AMAG's independence, which was achieved by its IPO in April 2011, to secure its location and, in the final analysis, a broad expertise base. The decision for the AMAG 2014 site expansion project and its implementation according to schedule laid the foundations for the continued expansion of the company.

*Gerhard Falch: „AMAG is an innovative, high-performance company with clear focus on high-quality products and customer value. I am positive that my successor, Helmut Wieser, jointly with my two fellow Board members, will continue to drive AMAG's strategic development to make AMAG an even more attractive partner.“*

Helmut Wieser has roughly 25 years of experience in the aluminium industry; most recently, he was in charge of the rolling mill business of the world's largest



aluminium producer. He is well known to us; Helmut Wieser was a managing director of AMAG from 1990 to 1997, and a member of the Management Board from 1997 to 2000.

At that time, the production facilities were extensively revamped under his direction; he was one of those mainly responsible for boosting AMAG's economic growth and he initiated the CIP (continuous improvement process) system, which is still successfully implemented at AMAG.

From April 1, 2014, it will be for Helmut Wieser to steer AMAG's affairs, to continue on the path that has been set by the large-scale AMAG 2014 project and to develop additional strategies for the future.

*Helmut Wieser: „I have kept track of AMAG's development, and I am impressed by recent years' success. I look forward to re-joining the team of AMAG and to successfully addressing the challenges we face together with my two fellow Board members, Helmut Kaufmann and Gerald Mayer.“*