



## **Succession at head of group settled**

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After Heinrich Bossard was killed in a plane crash last week, the board of directors of Bossard Holding AG has taken a first decision to ensure management continuity in the short and long term. Mr. David Dean will take over as acting head of the executive committee with immediate effect.

David Dean, aged 45, has been with the group since 1992. He served as Corporate Controller until 1997 and has been the group's Chief Financial Officer since then. David Dean has the relevant diplomas in public and management, accounting, controlling and undertook supplementary studies at Harvard Business School. As a member of the corporate executive committee, he was fully involved in the Group's operative development during the past few years.

The composition of the executive committee remains unchanged. Its other members are still Julius Brun, Peter Erlangsen, Peter Furrer, Scott W. Mac Meekin, Peter Vogel and Fredy von Moos.

The board of directors and the executive committee agree with the seventh generation of the Bossard families that the company will continue to abide by its management principles based on sustainability, dependability, flexibility and dynamism.

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