



## **Media release**

### **Change in the Group Executive Committee of VAT**

Haag, October 14, 2016 – Kurt Trippacher, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of VAT Group AG, has decided to pursue opportunities outside the company and will leave the organization effective April 30, 2017. Since joining VAT, Mr. Trippacher has been responsible for the successful implementation of the organization's operational strategy.

We thank him for his commitment and his contribution to the success of VAT and wish him all the best for his future.

A successor will be announced in due course.

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#### **About VAT Group AG**

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