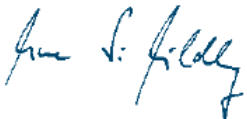


# Responsibility statement

“To the best of our knowledge and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the Group, and the joint management report gives a fair view of the performance of the business including business results and the overall position of the Group, together with a description of the principal opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the Group.”

Wiesloch, March 1, 2018



Dr. Uwe Schroeder-Wildberg



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