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## Christoph Grasl appointed as new ÖBB Rail Cargo Board Member

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The successor for the Management Board mandate within the “Market and Sales” division was ascertained by the Supervisory Board at Rail Cargo Austria AG on 27th February 2023. Logistics expert Christoph Grasl will take over this division from 3rd April 2023 and will succeed Gottfried Eymer, who left the company of his own accord at the end of December 2022.

Christoph Grasl has years of management experience in international logistics operations as a chief commercial officer in companies such as Cargo Partner or, more recently, with the WOF Group. His extensive management experience and sales expertise enabled the 47-year-old to come through in hearings against strong competition.

The Burgenland native will continue and enhance the role of Rail Cargo as an international and increasingly multimodal rail logistics specialist. He will be responsible for monitoring all sales agencies within Rail Cargo Group.

“Christoph Grasl knows the logistics industry and the rail-based industries within the markets of the Rail Cargo Group perfectly. His extensive network and international experience make him, as a sales expert, a splendid addition to the Rail Cargo management team”, emphasises ÖBB CEO Andreas Matthä.

## ÖBB Postbus: Silvia Kaupa-Götzl reappointed for an additional three years

At ÖBB Postbus AG’s Supervisory Board meeting, Silvia Kaupa-Götzl was recently reappointed to the Executive Board at Österreichische Postbus AG for the Personnel, Controlling & Finances, Transport Market, Technology & IT as well as Law and Purchasing divisions for an additional three years with an option for a further 2 years.

The lawyer has been with the ÖBB Group since 2005 and in various management positions since 2009. Amongst other things, she was the Head of the Long-Distance Traffic division at ÖBB-Personenverkehr before moving to the Executive Board at Österreichische Postbus AG in 2015.

Over the next few years, Silvia Kaupa-Götzl will continue digitisation within Postbus, the upgrading to alternative drive technologies and maintain a strategic focus on improving competitiveness in the bus market, which is characterised by fierce competition.

The Executive Board mandate of Alfred Loidl, who is responsible for regional management and production management at Österreichische Postbus AG, was also extended for an additional two years.

“Together, Silvia Kaupa-Götzl and Alfred Loidl will rigorously implement the strategic direction in what is a very demanding market environment. The aim is to further strengthen the competitiveness of Postbus and to strongly defend our market share”, emphasises Andreas Matthä.

## **ÖBB Produktion: Ralf Mair succeeds Christian Petschar**

The Supervisory Boards of both ÖBB-Personenverkehr AG and Rail Cargo Austria AG have appointed Ralf Mair as the latest Managing Director of ÖBB-Produktion GmbH for three years with an option for a further two years. The 51-year-old will start his new position on 1st May 2023 and will, together with Managing Director Ursula Zechner, manage ÖBB-Produktion as a provider of services and traction services for the ÖBB trading agencies.

Ralf Mair has been Operations Manager at Personenverkehr AG since 2016 and Head of the Processes, Quality, Safety and Environment unit since 2020. He is also responsible for incident investigation, operating standards and lean management.

As the new managing director at ÖBB-Produktion, Ralf Mair is the successor to Christian Petschar, who will take over the management of the Central Planning unit in ÖBB-Produktion in July and will continue to focus on his tasks as Head of Traction National at Rail Cargo Austria AG.

“I would like to thank Christian Petschar for his commitment as the Managing Director of ÖBB-Produktion and wish him all the best in his extremely important role. At the same time, I am delighted that in Ralf Mair, the Senior Management team within ÖBB-Produktion has gained an experienced Operations Manager and a proven safety and

vehicle expert”, explains CEO Andreas Matthä.

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