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## TLB GmbH appoints new managing director

Dr.-Ing. Hubert Siller was recently confirmed as the new Managing Director at the shareholders' meeting. As of December 1, 2017, he had already assumed the position interim - jointly with lawyer Rolf Marquardt. As a long-standing employee of TLB GmbH, the new Managing Director will contribute his extensive expertise and many years of experience in technology transfer, patenting and patent exploitation to the Management Board. After studying biology in Regensburg, Hubert Siller moved to Karlsruhe in 1994, where he obtained his doctorate in 1998 at the Institute of Biological Engineering of Karlsruhe University. After having held positions in the area of start-up promotion and sales, Siller joined TLB GmbH, where he worked as an innovation manager from 2002. The new Managing Director's expertise includes knowledge in all areas and developments of the company as well as of the university landscape in Baden-Wuerttemberg. "We will continue with what has been tried and tested, but will also chart new paths to the future," says Siller about his plans as Managing Director. "Technologies have changed and markets have become more global. This opens up a lot of potential for cooperation and new possibilities for technology transfer." The technology licensing office TLB that belongs to Baden-Wuerttembergische Hochschulen GmbH was founded in 1998 as a result of an initiative of Karlsruhe University dating back to 1987. TLB has been operating as a limited liability company for 20 years now. It counts among Germany's longest-standing patent exploitation agencies and was founded well before the patent exploitation campaign of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) was launched. The organizational form of a limited liability company meant a step towards professional patent exploitation and set an example for patent exploitation agencies that followed. TLB's success speaks for itself: Around 20 million euros in proceeds from exploitation in recent years as well as numerous successfully exploited patents are the result of TLB's many years of experience. In terms of exploitation success, TLB has been Germany's leading patent exploitation agency for university inventions for many years.

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