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## WinGD appoints new CEO to further strengthen market position

WinGD are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Klaus Heim as Chief Executive Officer effective August 6, 2018.

Klaus Heim joins WinGD from OMT in Turin, Italy, where he currently holds the position of Chief Technical Officer. With over 25 years of experience in the large engine industry, in a variety of senior roles, including Vice President Technology two-stroke and Vice President Global Research & Development at Wärtsilä from 2004 – 2010, Klaus brings a wealth of technical understanding and managerial expertise to WinGD. His credentials are supported by a strong global network in the marine engine business and his position as President of CIMAC, the International Council on Combustion Engines, which he has chaired since 2016.

"I'm excited to join WinGD at this pivotal point in their journey. With the heritage and reputation that this company holds in the marine engine industry and accomplishments to date, I am looking forward to building and further strengthening WinGD's market position, ensuring expansion of our technology leadership and delivering outstanding outcomes for our customers, and the industry." says Klaus.

Tao Guohua, Chairman of the Board, said on the appointment;

"There couldn't be a better time for WinGD to hire someone like Klaus and I'm excited we were able to attract such impressive talent.

"Thanks to the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work from our team we have had an extraordinary past few years, with some major milestones accomplished in recent months. Coupled with Klaus' vast experience in the industry, especially in the two-stroke engine technology, we have a winning combination."

WinGD is a leading developer of two-stroke gas and diesel engines for marine propulsion. Headquartered in Switzerland, since its inception as the Sulzer Diesel Engine business in 1893, it carries on the legacy of excellence in design.

With worldwide offices, research and training centres WinGD employees represent over 25 different nationalities providing rich innovation and progressive thinking.



Mr Klaus Heim

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**WinGD in brief:**

Winterthur Gas & Diesel Ltd. (WinGD) is a leading developer of two-stroke low-speed gas and diesel engines used for propulsion power in merchant shipping. WinGD's target is to set the industry standard for reliability, efficiency and environmental sustainability. WinGD provides designs, licences, training and technical support to manufacturers, shipbuilders and ship operators worldwide. WinGD has its headquarters in Winterthur, Switzerland, where its activities were founded in 1893.