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Dr Michael Grünenfelder succeeds Heinrich A. Bieler – change of management in the certification body at the Swiss Safety Center

Wallisellen, 2 June 2025 – Heinrich A. Bieler is taking a well-deserved retirement in June 2025 after more than 20 years as Head of Certifications at the Swiss Safety Center. He is handing over his life's work, the certification body that he built up into a renowned player in the Swiss certification market, to his successor.

Heinrich A. Bieler's successor is Michael Grünenfelder, Dr oec. HSG. As an experienced leader in the professional services sector, Michael Grünenfelder has led national and international departments as a line manager and has extensive experience in leading large projects and project teams for infrastructure projects (thermal power plants and renewable energies). He also has extensive experience in collaborating with public authorities and with the field of compliance, avoiding conflicts of interest and ensuring impartiality.

His practical experience in the field of certification includes numerous use cases in process optimisation and in the setting up of management systems according to various standards.

Dr Elisabetta Carrea, CEO of Swiss Safety Center AG, believes the election of Michael Grünenfelder as the new head of the certification body is an opportunity to consolidate the organisation's position as a renowned, leading certification provider in Switzerland while continuing along the path of success for further growth in this area.



Dr Michael Grünenfelder (©Swiss Safety Center)

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The Swiss Safety Center also has recognised skills in the fields of materials science, metallurgy, materiography and corrosion, and draws up damage analyses, expert assessments and reports. As a consequence, the Swiss Safety Center also conducts a wealth of non-destructive testing of samples using both stationary facilities at its own testing laboratory and mobile equipment on site.

Damage and fire prevention is another focal point of the Swiss Safety Center's activities, as are environmental and occupational safety, health protection, security and risk management in particular.

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Certification

The Swiss Safety Center certifies according to a number of norms and guidelines. It does not interpret the requirements specified therein as a highly restrictive framework with which an organisation must comply at all costs, rather, it is about the essential characteristics that a company must absolutely consider and observe if it is to successfully offer products and services matched to the requirements of customers with the support of dedicated employees.

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