

Press release

Updates in the management: Dr. Siegfried Pause retires, Benny Wagner joins the management of LLT Applikation



Picture: LLT Applikation GmbH

Ilmenau, January 2025 – Dr. Siegfried Pause is to retire from the management of LLT Applikation on 31 January 2025. Long-standing sales manager Benny Wagner was appointed to the management team on 1 October 2024 and has since joined Larissa Pause in managing the company.

More than three decades in the business of laser precision machining

Siegfried Pause was Managing Director of LLT Applikation GmbH for 28 years. Now the 75-year-old is leaving the company at the beginning of the new year to take his well-earned retirement.

In 1989, shortly after German reunification, the family man, who had already worked in research and development in various industrial sectors during his professional career in the GDR, decided to become an entrepreneur and founded his first company, Ilmenauer Laserzentrum, in 1990,



which was renamed ILZ GmbH a year later. In 1997, he founded LLT Applikation GmbH in order to realise his ideas for the design of laser machines specifically for precision and micromachining. The company's central aim is still to make lasers highly usable in industry.

With his commitment to constantly driving forward his own development work and his strategic foresight, Siegfried Pause, as Managing Director, played a key role in the positive development of LLT Applikation into a successful mechanical engineering and service company. Just like the independent and family-orientated character of the company, the Ilmenau native was always concerned with economic stability and healthy growth. He made his daughter Larissa Pause the second Managing Director in 2005 and handed over the operational business to her in 2019. In addition, he has been largely responsible for the expansion of administrative and production capacities, particularly in recent years. Under his direction, the second extension to the company site was completed in 2023. His strategic decisions also included the acquisition of a company for the production of mechanical components, which now produces a large number of mechanical parts for mechanical engineering in-house.

At the beginning of January, the senior boss officially bid farewell to the staff of LLT Applikation and thanked all his colleagues for their many years of co-operation. Dr. Pause will remain with the company as a shareholder and will continue to support the management in the person of his daughter Larissa Pause and Benny Wagner, contributing his many years of experience.

Focus on medical technology as a key opportunity

Benny Wagner has been part of the management team since October 2024. The 37-year-old started at LLT Applikation in 2010 as a student and supported the company's management and sales department during his studies. In 2019, the Ilmenau native took over the position of Sales and Marketing Manager and has been responsible for all customer acquisition and retention activities with great success ever since. The industrial engineering graduate spends all of his free time with his family. Wagner is looking forward to the new challenge as Managing Director and sees the permanent and consistent focus of LLT Applikation on the requirements of medical technology with its high-precision and specialised applications as a key opportunity to continue to grow healthily with laser systems and manufacturing services in the future.

The company - Highest precision since 1997

LLT Applikation GmbH is an internationally active mechanical engineering company in the laser industry. The company has a portfolio of four machine types for laser precision processing, which set the standard on the international market in terms of accuracy and dynamics and which are

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produced in small series in Ilmenau. More than 150 machines are in use worldwide in the target markets of medical technology, microsystems technology, watchmaking, tool industry and other sectors. LLT Applikation is also active as a contract manufacturer and produces precision components on behalf of customers using over 25 machines with different laser sources.

The company's exceptional capacity for innovation is also reflected in the large number of in-house development projects and participation in joint projects. More than 20 such projects have been realised since the company was founded. And challenging development projects are also currently in progress. Ultimately, the above-average potential is reflected in the high proportion of innovative jobs in the company.

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