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Professor Dr.-Ing. Thomas Bergs takes over Chair of Manufacturing Technology

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After 23 years, Professor Dr.-Ing. Dr.-Ing. E. H. Dr. h.c. Dr. h.c. Fritz Klocke hands over the Chair of Manufacturing Technology at the Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering (WZL) of RWTH Aachen University on June 1, 2018 to Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Bergs, MBA.

Professor Bergs studied mechanical engineering with a focus on design engineering at the RWTH Aachen University. From 1995 to 2001, he was a research assistant at the Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology IPT in Aachen in the Process Technology department. His work focused on laser-assisted cutting. In 2000, he became head of the Laser Technology Group and Business Unit Manager of "Aachener Werkzeug- und Formenbau". Since the beginning of 2001 he has been Managing Director of the Fraunhofer IPT. His doctorate took place in November 2001.

On 01.06.2018, he was appointed university professor of Chair for Manufacturing Technology at the Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering (WZL) of RWTH Aachen University and appointed member of the board at Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering (WZL) of RWTH Aachen University and Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology IPT.

We wish Professor Bergs success for his new task and welcome him at the WZL.

Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering (WZL)

The Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering (WZL) of RWTH Aachen University has stood worldwide for more than 100 years for future-oriented research and successful innovations in the field of production technology.

Under the leadership of four professors Thomas Bergs, Christian Brecher, Robert Schmitt and Günther Schuh, the WZL is conducting research in six areas - production technology, machine tools, production systems, transmission technology, production metrology and quality management - on the future-oriented design of production in high-wage countries. Together with industry partners from various sectors, the WZL develops solutions for a wide variety of production scenarios in both publicly funded and bilateral projects. These activities are being consolidated on the RWTH Aachen Campus in the Cluster Production Engineering.

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