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Purchasing is now represented on Brose's Management Board

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The Brose Group has expanded its Management Board to include Purchasing. With this step, the international automotive supplier acknowledges the increasing importance of procurement tasks. In 2011, the company posted a purchasing volume of 2.5 billion euros for production material and another 500 million euros for investments and services.

The shareholders' meeting of the family-owned company appointed Sandro Scharlibbe (42) Executive Vice President Purchasing with effect from July 1st, 2012. In his new role, Sandro Scharlibbe, who holds a degree in business administration, is responsible for the purchasing areas
electrics/electronics, raw materials/mechanics, investments/services, sourcing methods/ cost analysis as well as supplier development and innovation management. In addition, he has job-related responsibility for purchasing in the business divisions, plants and regions.

"Purchasing is of major importance for our company due to our strong worldwide growth and its contribution to the company performance. With Sandro Scharlibbe, we are pleased to have appointed a person of standing to this new area of responsibility who has successfully held several positions within our company," says Jürgen Otto, CEO of the Brose Group.

After graduating from Coburg University of Applied Sciences, Sandro Scharlibbe joined Brose in 1996 as a sales executive. From 2010 to 2012, after having held a number of managerial positions in the Seat Systems business division, he was responsible for the development and purchasing of electric drives for window regulators, seat and closure systems. Prior to his appointment to the Management Board, he was Vice President Purchasing of the Brose Group.

According to Scharlibbe, his current focus includes the further implementation of the sourcing strategy - in particular in Asia - and intensifying the use of system-supported tools for a number of procurement processes. "Early integration of our suppliers during the design stage and a more effective implementation of numerous new ideas in the design of our products are of key importance for our future success. Purchasing plays an increasingly important role as a link between the suppliers and our development department," explains Scharlibbe. In this connection, recruitment measures have been initiated to strengthen the purchasing workforce.