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Theo Maas, CEO Mechanical Drives, Siemens AG - New EUROTRANS president 2010

- **The EUROPEAN Power Transmission Industry slowly starts recovering!**
- **New member SWISSMEM / Switzerland**
- **Successful start of the EUROTRANS Training Program, satisfied 32 participants from Europe**

Frankfurt, 25th June 2010; The European Power Transmission Engineering industry met on invitation of the German Power Transmission Engineering Association (VDMA) for its annual meeting on 11th June 2010 in Munich.

Theo Maas, CEO Mechanical Drives, Siemens AG, I DT MD, was elected as new EUROTRANS president. Maas pointed out that he will continue the excellent work of Georges Roobaert, Hansen Transmissions, the former president: "Especially the successful establishment of the EUROPEAN training courses and the work done to increase the strength and attractiveness of EUROTRANS," said Maas.

He also welcomed the new EUROTRANS member SWISSMEM from Switzerland and pointed out that this is an important milestone in the establishment of a strong European power transmission network.

Georges Roobaert, reiterated: "The European power transmission industry is worldwide the largest in regard of sales and the strongest in regard of technology."

However it is still recovering from the economic crisis and the present situation for a lot of our members is still difficult”.

The European Power Transmission Industry (without bearings) had a drop of 1/3 of their production output in 2009. It may take round about until 2012/2013 to reach the historical high production levels of 2008. The European Power Transmission Industry is in a good starting position for the forthcoming upswing. Based on the positive development of the order intake in the first quarter an increase in volume of 5 % to 10 % is forecasted for 2010.

According to Mr. Roobaert the basis for the success of our industry is innovative technology and well-educated skilled employees. For that reason EUROTRANS will continue the new training program for young engineers. The lead of this project is located by the EUROTRANS member AGORIA, Belgium Association. (www.euro-trans.org)

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General Secretariat of EUROTRANS

EUROTRANS: European Committee of Associations of Manufacturers of
Gears and Transmission Parts

Within the EU, the member associations representing the interests of more than 600 enterprises, with a collective annual production of more than 12 billion EURO (without bearings industry and the automotive business); Within Europe at least 160.000 people are employed by our sector.