



Lutz Menshen,
Knut Menshen,
Jörg Deutz
(from left to right)

Change in Leadership after 30 Years

Knut Menshen takes his leave; Lutz Menshen and Jörg Deutz take over

The CEO of LUKAD Holding, Knut Menshen, will be retiring from the family enterprise's business operations. He had already divested the majority of his shares in the company and will step down from his position as Managing Partner at the end of the year. Jörg Deutz, who has been with the company for nearly 15 years, has already been CEO of LUKAD since April 1, 2016 and will follow Knut Menshen in that position. In the future, the shareholding family will be represented by Lutz Menshen, Knut Menshen's brother and CEO of Arnold MENSHEN.

Knut Menshen joined the family business in 1988. After his father Arnold Menshen had built the company, Knut Menshen went on to drive its internationalization and to successfully develop the company to this day. Now he wishes to devote more time to his private interests. He will continue to serve the Group as a consultant on strategic matters. The shareholding family discussed the leadership changes

at great length and reached a consensus. The family has the intention to maintain the ownership of the Group for the long term and the company's special culture and values will also remain unchanged.

Besides the new CEO Jörg Deutz, Dr. Matthias Papenfuß will be joining STAUFF as an additional Managing Director. Before that, Dr. Papenfuß had worked for STAUFF as an outside consultant for more than 10 years.

"I am convinced that Jörg Deutz is an excellent manager for our entire enterprise. He has known our company for a long time, and he has my trust and that of the whole family," says Knut Menshen. "Together with my brother Lutz, he will drive the Group forward. And with Jörg Deutz and Matthias Papenfuß, we also have a strong team at STAUFF." Otherwise, the management team will remain unchanged.



"A vote of confidence on the part of the Menshen family"

A Look at What's Next



Knut Menshen,
CEO LUKAD so far



Lutz Menshen,
CEO at A. MENSHEN Scrapyard

Mr. Menshen, you are handing over the reins at LUKAD. Why?

Knut Menshen: I admit that my heart is heavy these days. However, I did take of course my time to think this decision over. I devoted myself to our family company for 28 years and the work fulfilled me and gave me a lot of joy. Now I would like to have more time for my private interests.

Will anything change because of the transition in the holding company's leadership?

Knut Menshen: My siblings and I thought about how we could position the company so that the change at the top would go as smoothly as possible for the company. I am very satisfied with the outcome. My brother Lutz and my longtime confidant Jörg Deutz will be a good team. Together with Wolfram Kobusch and Dr. Matthias Papenfuß, they will develop and drive the company forward.

Mr. Deutz, how does it feel to be at the helm of a company that has only ever been headed up by members of the founding family?

Jörg Deutz: It is certainly a big vote of confidence on the part of the Menshen family, which I very much appreciate.



I find it easier to shoulder this responsibility because I have known this company for such a very long time and so well; and I know the STAUFF Group like the back of my hand. But of course being responsible for the entire company and all aspects of the business is another matter.

Mr. Menshen, how is the work to be divided up between you and Mr. Deutz?

Lutz Menshen: We collaborate very closely and on call, as it is common practice at our company. Nevertheless, we have different roles. My job will be to be in critical discussion with our management and to determine if we are still heading in the right direction.

Dr. Papenfuß, what do you expect from your new position alongside Jörg Deutz?

I am pleased to have the privilege of supporting the innovation and growth of STAUFF in the years ahead. I have known the company for more than ten years and during this time for example advised the Menshen family and Jörg Deutz how to implement its global structures successfully. I get along well with Jörg Deutz. We have collaborated exceptionally well in the past and will surely do so again in my new capacity. My focus will be mostly on efficient project management.

Mr. Kobusch, you have been with the company since 2003. Are you surprised by Knut Menshen's departure?

Wolfram Kobusch: Knut Menshen's retirement certainly marks a turning point. But the family has assured us all that it will remain steadfastly committed to its company for the long term. And I knew Jörg Deutz before I joined MENSHEN. We have experienced a great deal together and I trust him absolutely.

Mr. Deutz, how do you aim to lead the holding?

Jörg Deutz: The secret to success is very clear from where I stand: stay down to earth, reliable, and appreciate and respect one another regardless of the opposite party's place in the company and posting in a region of the world. But this also means that you can't allow yourself to get complacent. Continuity means staying dynamic—that's my credo. And I will do this, leading by example and expecting it from others. We hold a good position in the Hydraulics and Plastics business, but to stay one idea ahead of the others, we must always remain alert and curious, invest, and have the courage to explore new avenues.

Will you miss the work, Mr. Menshen?

Knut Menshen: I will continue taking an interest in the Group and the industries. Perhaps a more distanced view will help me give to the Group some good advice here and there. The company has been my life for nearly three decades and will therefore always remain part of it.



Jörg Deutz,
new CEO LUKAD,
ongoing CEO STAUFF



Dr. Matthias Papenfuß,
additional Managing
Director STAUFF



Wolfram Kobusch,
CEO MENSHEN

1976



STAUFF Australia
is established

1976–1981

Several offshore
affiliates are set up

1988



Knut Menshen
joins the company
and heads up the
Group as CEO

1989



Lutz Menshen joins the
company and is also
appointed CEO in 1995

1994



STAUFF China is
established

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Further STAUFF and
MENSHEN subsidi-
aries are set up

2000



MENSHEN
China is founded

2000



The Menshen family sets up
LUKAD Holding GmbH & Co. KG
and unites all fami-
ly-owned companies

The most important questions at a glance:

Why is Knut Menshen withdrawing from the business now and so suddenly?

There has been a long lead-up to the decision that has now been announced. Knut Menshen has considered this step carefully and discussed it at an early stage with the family. The decision on what the best path for Knut Menshen and for the group is was made jointly. The entire family and all managing directors will pitch in to provide support during the transition.

Having Jörg Deutz at the helm marks the first time that someone who is not a member of the shareholder family will hold this position. What does this mean?

Jörg Deutz has been with the group for nearly 15 years. He has worked shoulder to shoulder with Knut Menshen for many years and knows the company and its special culture inside and out. From the perspective of the family, he will ensure continuity for the company while facing the task of its further strategic development.

Expanding the decision-making process to include others outside of the Menshen family is the right approach moving forward. From the perspective of the family, making decisions on

a somewhat broader basis can even prove to be an advantage.

What role will Knut Menshen still play with regard to the company? Will he continue to be available?

Knut Menshen will not be leaving entirely. He will withdraw increasingly from day-to-day business, but that does not mean he will drop everything or that he no longer feels a sense of responsibility. He will be consulted with in the future on issues of strategy. After all, he knows the group and our markets better than practically anyone else.

How quickly will the transition be completed?

The transition will proceed gradually and has been carefully prepared. Knut Menshen will step down as managing partner at the end of the year. Jörg Deutz was already appointed to the position of managing director of LUKAD Holding effective April 1, 2016.

Will LUKAD remain a family business in the future as well?

Yes. The Menshen family intends to retain ownership of the group in the long term. The special culture and values of the company will remain the same and continue to be practiced.

Will Lutz Menshen manage the company differently than his brother Knut?

Lutz Menshen will continue to lead the company according to its proven fundamental principles. However, he will leave more of the responsibilities of operational management in the hands of the managing director of LUKAD Holding, Jörg Deutz. All strategic decisions on the future of the company will continue to be made by the shareholders or coordinated with them.

What will happen to Knut Menshen's pet topics?

Naturally there are topics at both the STAUFF Group and MENSHEN that Knut Menshen is particularly fond of. In terms of STAUFF, they include especially the further development of Stauff Connect and the implementation of the Stauff Line concept. With regard to Menshen, those topics cover such things in particular as the improvement of international collaboration and the sustainability of our products. In general, connected industry – or Industry 4.0 – is another topic that Knut Menshen is particularly fond of.

2002



A fully automated logistics center is built at Neuenrade-Küntrop

2013



A stake in VOLZ is acquired

2014



A. MENSHEN collectively relocates to a new site

2015



Meinerzhagen-based VOSWINKEL is taken over