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Orgalim reinforces governance with appointment of Rada Rodriguez as Deputy President and Christophe Lautray as Vice President

On 26 June the Orgalim General Assembly voted to approve the appointment of Rada Rodriguez, CEO Schneider Electric GmbH Germany and SVP Strategy & Alliances, as Deputy President. The General Assembly has also appointed a Vice President: Christophe Lautray, Managing Director Linde Materials Handling, tasked with supporting the President and Deputy President in their roles. These new appointments are set to reinforce Orgalim's governance for the coming years, complemented by the formalisation of a Presidents' Board composed of CEO-level representatives of European technology companies.

The role of the President, Deputy President and VP is to represent Orgalim externally in dialogue with European decision makers at the highest level. Internally, they are responsible for strategic agenda setting for the association.

With these latest appointments, Orgalim is seeking to strengthen engagement with policy stakeholders in a decisive period for Europe and its technology industries.

Commenting on her appointment, Rada Rodriguez said: "By helping address challenges from climate change to mobility to healthcare, technology plays a central role in enabling Europe to create value for its citizens. I am delighted to have the opportunity to promote this important message through Orgalim's engagement with EU policymakers".

"Taken as a whole, the sectors Orgalim represents account for a third of all European industry", added Christophe Lautray. "Combined with the fact that they are global innovation leaders, it is clear they need be at the heart of setting the EU industrial policy agenda"

Orgalim's Director General Malte Lohan further underlined: "As we face into a new legislative period, closer dialogue between industry and EU decision makers will be crucial to promote the role of technology and innovation in shaping a future that's good for Europe. The outstanding industry experience of Ms Rodriguez and Mr Lautray will be a great asset in driving this engagement forward."

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Notes for Editors:**Biographies of Rada Rodriguez and Christophe Lautray**Rada Rodriguez, CEO Schneider Electric GmbH Germany, SVP Strategy & Alliances

Rada Rodriguez joined Schneider Electric in 2000 and has been at Schneider Electric Germany since October 2009. Six years ago, she was named CEO of Schneider Electric GmbH and Country President Germany, and in 2017 she assumed the additional role of Senior Vice President Global Alliances. In over 30 years working primarily in international corporations she has combined leadership roles and technical expertise across sales and marketing, product and offer management, project management, business development, steering international R&D teams, and overseeing integration of acquisitions and internal change processes. Ms Rodriguez is also a member of the Board of Directors of ZVEI, the German electrical engineering and electronics association.

Christophe Lautray, Managing Director Linde Materials Handling

Christophe Lautray is the Chief Sales Officer of Linde Material Handling GmbH.

As Chief Sales Officer, Christophe is responsible, within the Board, for the firm's sales and services direction and, among other, leading the 20 direct legal entities across EMEA. He also manages with his team a vast network of dealers in more than 70 countries.

Before joining the company, he held a number of management positions at Fenwick in France and other technology companies for several years. From 2016 to 2018, Christophe was President of the European Federation of Material Handling Industries – FEM, where he continues to serve as Member of the Board. In 2015, he joined the Board of EURONEXT Listed Balyo, specialized into transforming standard forklifts into standalone intelligent robots thanks to its breakthrough proprietary technology. A native of Paris, France Christophe graduates from ESSEC Business School, with a concentration in industrial marketing. He pursued his education at INSEAD.

Christophe is also a passionate pilot and holds various licenses for flying helicopters and airplanes.

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