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### **New Senior Vice President R&D for AL-KO Vehicle Technology**

**Dr Klaus Wilhelm will (again) lead the AL-KO Vehicle Technology Group's global research and development as well as product management activities from July 1, 2024.**

For Klaus Wilhelm, the new role is also a return to his former employer and thus to many familiar topics and, not least, colleagues: With a doctorate in mechanical engineering, he was a key driver of various successful new product developments in the vehicle technology segment as Senior Vice President Development here between 2006 and 2016. His lasting successes include the introduction of the HY4 hydraulic levelling support system and the MAMMUT maneuvering system.

With a doctorate in mechanical engineering, he was developing and deploying business strategies for different product areas in mobile hydraulics at Bosch Rexroth AG. In recent years he has taken over global responsibility for revenue and result with focus on sales and R&D for external gear pumps. His predecessor at AL-KO Vehicle Technology, Dr Georg Rixecker, has left the company to pursue new professional goals.

Harald Hiller, President & CEO AL-KO Vehicle Technology, commented: "My colleagues and I are delighted to have Dr Wilhelm back at our company. I know him to be an enthusiastic and motivating innovator. I particularly appreciate his courageous assertiveness and his high level of expertise." He continues: "Our good ideas and their rapid implementation are decisive competitive factors for us. Together with his team, Klaus Wilhelm will focus even more on this. His extensive experience will be of great benefit in the vehicle industry's upcoming transformation processes, for example when it comes to drive electrification, digitalization, new software skills or international innovation management."

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**Caption 1:** Harald Hiller, President & CEO AL-KO Vehicle Technology: “Our good ideas and their rapid implementation are decisive competitive factors for us. This is where we can rely on Dr Klaus Wilhelm.” © AL-KO VT



**Caption 2:** The new Senior Vice President Research & Development and product management at AL-KO Vehicle Technology Group is Dr Klaus Wilhelm © AL-KO VT