

## **Change in Managing Board of SMT Scharf AG**

**Hamm, February 8, 2012 – SMT Scharf AG (German Securities Code [WKN] 575198, ISIN DE0005751986) announces a change in its Managing Board.**

Dr. Friedrich Trautwein, Chief Executive Officer of SMT Scharf AG, has today announced that he intends to resign from the position as Chief Executive Officer of SMT Scharf AG with effect as of the end of March 2012, in order to turn to new tasks. As a result Mr. Christian Dreyer will resign from his present post as member of the Supervisory Board of SMT Scharf AG on short notice, in order to be subsequently at disposal for a change to the post of Chief Executive Officer of the company, after the Supervisory Board has been reconstituted. The Supervisory Board of SMT Scharf AG thanks Dr. Trautwein for his excellent work in the past six years.

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### **Company profile**

The SMT Scharf group develops, builds and maintains transportation equipment for mining and tunneling. The main product area is rail-bound railways which are used all over the world, primarily in hard coal mines and underground mining for gold, platinum and other metals. They are used to transport material and personnel with working loads of up to 45 tons on lines with gradients of up to 35 degrees. SMT Scharf's other key products are roadheaders, equipment for tunnel support and chairlifts. The SMT Scharf Group has its own companies in eight countries as well as additional dealerships worldwide. SMT Scharf records more than 80% of its revenue in growing foreign markets, such as Russia, China and South Africa. Business with spare parts and repairs accounts for around 40% of revenue. The entire market for underground transport technology comprises € 5 billion to € 7 billion per year according to the company's estimates. SMT Scharf AG has been listed in the Prime Standard (Regulated Market) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since April 11, 2007.

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