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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### ***CAPIEL Continues its Journey Forward!***

With its President, Philippe Sauer, and newly elected Vice-President Karlheinz Kaul, CAPIEL continues its action of promoting and furthering the European low-voltage electrical industry with determination.



**Philippe Sauer**  
**President**



**Karlheinz Kaul**  
**Vice President**

With the rapid expansion of Smart Grids, the development of renewable energy sources, new usages of electricity, and the digital revolution in industry (Industry 4.0), our industry has a major role to play in configuring the daily world of tomorrow. CAPIEL's members are taking up the task enthusiastically in a coordinated, innovative, and effective approach.

Protection of the environment, energy efficiency, security of goods, data, and persons, business ethics, and compliance with standards are the cornerstones of this major project that has brought them together.

Accordingly, the European companies represented by CAPIEL have made a commitment to sustainable development, quality, and ethics in business by signing a Code of Conduct to benefit their customers, the industry, and the planet in general (see the attached CoC).

All CAPIEL publications and position papers can be found at <http://www.capiel.eu/en/home/>



## **President**

### **Philippe Sauer**

Senior Vice-President

Low Voltage Line of Business – Power Business Unit

Schneider Electric

After graduating from the ISEN School of electrical engineering in Lille and Manchester University in the UK, Philippe Sauer earned his Master's degree at the EDHEC Business School. He joined Schneider Electric in 1995 and has held several positions in Medium and Low Voltage activities. From 2003 to 2008, he was head of North-East Africa operations, based in Cairo, Egypt. He joined the Power Business Unit in 2008 and was first in charge of the Equipment and Systems Department. Since June 2009 he has headed the Low Voltage Line of Business within the Power Business Unit.

## **Vice President**

### **Karlheinz Kaul**

CEO of the Control Components and Systems Engineering Business Unit

Industry Automation Division

Siemens

Karlheinz Kaul has been CEO of Control Components and Systems Engineering Business Unit since 2009. He has held several management positions in the Industry and Healthcare Sectors of Siemens, covering R&D, Manufacturing, Sales and General Management. He holds a diploma in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Applied Sciences in Nuremberg, Germany.

## **About CAPIEL:**

CAPIEL, the European Coordinating Committee of Manufacturers of Electrical Switchgear and Controlgear, aims to promote and represent – in accordance with the imperatives of the Treaty of Rome and within the framework of the general policy defined by the national federations – the common professional interests of its members in all areas of its competence.

CAPIEL was founded in 1968. It is a broad-based group that represents twelve national associations that comprise more than 550 manufacturers in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Members of the national associations represented by CAPIEL include small, medium and large-sized companies that in total employ some 118,000 people directly in Europe and have a combined turnover of €18.25 billion. On average, 25% of their production in the EU is exported to non-EU countries.

CAPIEL, along with its member associations, covers a wide range of low-voltage products and services essential for the operation, protection and control of electrical distribution networks, from the power plant to the final consumer of electricity.

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