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Kobelt Announces Hiring of Industrial Brake Specialist to Lead Growth in Industrial Brake Line

Heiko Epkens joins Kobelt to take responsibility for all brake products & to lead R&D efforts

Kobelt announced today the hiring of Heiko Epkens as the Manager of Mechanical Engineering for Kobelt's industrial brake division. Mr. Epkens will report directly to David Bockhold, CEO, and will be responsible for current and future brake system design, enhancement and development worldwide.

Mr. Epkens brings over 25 years of experience in technical sales and engineering roles mainly in the mining and oil & gas industries, with over 15 years of experience focused specifically on industrial brake systems and solutions. Heiko specialises in braking solutions for harsh, rugged environments, a key strength of the current Kobelt brakes.

Mr. Epkens holds two patents for components used in harsh environments, and has worked on several large projects involved with designing and deploying braking systems for hoists and conveyers in the mining industry. Heiko also has experience working as Chief Engineer for a global petroleum industry engineering firm, designing draw-works for drilling & exploration.

"Heiko brings a vast amount of knowledge of not only industrial brakes, but of the key industries where Kobelt sells as well." stated Mr. Bockhold. "His hands-on ability to design and deploy braking solutions and his understanding of how companies use these solutions in the field is a huge benefit to Kobelt customers. We are thrilled to have Heiko join Kobelt, and help map out the future of the brake product line."

Mr. Epkens holds a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of British Columbia, and is a registered member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia.

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Kobelt designs & manufactures systems that provide our customers with the safest, most trusted solutions for guiding & controlling movement on marine vessels & industrial machinery. Kobelt industrial brakes provide added safety and control on draw-works, hoists, winches & other industrial machinery. For more information on Kobelt systems, contact marketing@kobelt.com or visit www.kobelt.com.

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