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Frauscher Announces Leadership Transition

Mayank Tripathi Assumes Role as Vice President & General Manager Following Michael Thiel's 15-Year Tenure

St. Marienkirchen, January 14, 2026 – *Frauscher Sensor Technology announced today that Mayank Tripathi has assumed the position of Vice President & General Manager, effective 1 January 2026. Michael Thiel concluded his remarkable 15-year tenure as Frauscher CEO at the end of 2025. The leadership transition follows Frauscher's succession plan and marks an important milestone as the company enters its next growth phase as part of Wabtec Corporation's Digital Intelligence division, following the successful completion of the acquisition in December 2025.*

An Era of Growth and Innovation
Under Michael Thiel's leadership, Frauscher achieved significant growth and strengthened its position as an industry leader – a testament to his vision and dedication. The company evolved from its Austrian roots to become a global enterprise with more than 700 employees across 15 countries and installations in over 100 nations.

"Leading Frauscher has been the privilege of my professional life," said Michael Thiel. "I'm incredibly proud of what our team has achieved together – not just in terms of growth and market position, but in the culture of innovation, quality, and customer partnership we've built. With Mayank, a leader takes over who knows the company, our customers, and our values inside and out."

Continuity Through Experienced Leadership
Mayank Tripathi brings over 20 years of rail industry experience to his new role. Most recently serving as Frauscher's Chief Sales Officer, he led global sales strategy and was instrumental in building deep customer relationships worldwide.

"I'm honored to lead Frauscher into this exciting new chapter," said Mayank Tripathi. "Michael and the entire Frauscher team have built something truly special – a company that customers trust implicitly, that employees are proud to be part of, and that consistently pushes the boundaries of what's possible in rail technology. My focus will be on preserving and strengthening what makes Frauscher unique while leveraging our integration with Wabtec to accelerate innovation, expand our global reach, and deliver even greater value to our customers."

Before joining Frauscher, Tripathi held senior international roles in rail and industrial technology, driving business development and strategic growth across Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. He holds a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering from the École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Nancy and a Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Leadership from Saïd Business School, University of Oxford. Mayank will continue to be based in France.

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	Michael Thiel, former CEO Frauscher Sensor Technology, Mayank Tripathi, Vice President & General Manager - Frauscher
	Frauscher Sensor Technology, Austria Location

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Frauscher Sensor Technology is dedicated to delivering the world's most reliable train detection and wayside object control solutions. Their industry leading field elements, software, connectivity and data transmission solutions, combined with smart life cycle services, ensure system critical components are operational while providing the information rail operators need to maximise the safety, efficiency and capacity of their networks. Frauscher Sensor Technology provides the trusted foundation operators need to run their rail networks with confidence.

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