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Pneurop Elects New President

On Wednesday 26 May, Luc De Beul was elected as President of Pneurop, the European industry association representing the manufacturers of compressors, vacuum pumps, pneumatic tools, and allied equipment. The election occurred on the occasion of the Plenary Meeting that, for the second time, took place in virtual format as required by the sanitary measures imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Luc De Beul graduated as Mechanical Engineer from the University of Gent in Belgium and started his career in 1995 at the Airtec Division of Atlas Copco, where he has occupied several positions in Belgium as engineer and team leader. In 2004 he became Vice President Engineering, responsible for product development and product maintenance of the range of compressors within the Oil-free Air division. In 2007 he became Chairman of the Technical Council (enabling alignment between all divisions of the Compressor Technique business area of Atlas Copco), and in 2016, Vice President at global level for new business technologies, in charge of defining and building out new viable businesses for Atlas Copco, based on the company's core technologies and R&D capabilities.

Luc De Beul joined the Council of Pneurop in 2017. He has chaired the Compressors Technical Committee (PN 2)'s subgroup on Cycle Energy Requirement and been an active member of the Eco-design Joint Working Group, monitoring and advising the preparation of an EU Eco-design Regulation on compressors. Since its creation in 2019, he has been the Chair of the Digitisation Joint Working Group, that monitors both EU regulatory developments and international standardisation activities, including those of the OPC UA Foundation.

Luc De Beul succeeds Jouko Peussa, who after a long career in the compressors industry, particularly at Ingersoll Rand, and two mandates as President of Pneurop, has retired.

On the occasion of his election, Luc De Beul said: *"My election comes at a time of deep changes in the entire European industry. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how important the EU internal market is for us, as a basis for our global competitiveness. Our companies in the sector of European compressors and allied technologies are global players and fully embracing the so called "twin digital and green revolution". As it has done since more than 60 years, Pneurop stands ready to support the EU with the shaping of policies and regulations that will support us growing in Europe and worldwide. I would like to thank my predecessor Jouko Peussa very warmly for his engagement with Pneurop for many years and his strong contribution to our industry"*.

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Note to Editors:





About Pneurop

Pneurop is the European Committee of Manufacturers of Compressors, Vacuum Technology, Pneumatic Tools, Air Treatment Equipment and Condensate Treatment Equipment. Its members are national associations representing more than 200 manufacturers in 8 EU Member States, in Switzerland and in Turkey. The European market turnover for the business represented exceeds €20 billion.

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