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BMZ GROUP APPOINTS FRANCIS MONTEIRO AS GENERAL MANAGER BMZ BRAZIL

Karlstein am Main, December 6th, 2023 – BMZ Group, a global expert in lithium-ion batteries, is pleased to welcome Francis Monteiro as General Manager BMZ Brazil. BMZ Brazil is BMZ Group's upcoming, sixth global production site

Francis Monteiro has joined BMZ on 1st of November 2023, and will report to the General Manager of BMZ Poland, Tomasz Jankowski.

“BMZ is in the middle of the biggest program ever driven within the group. To a large extent this endeavour will be concluded in Brazil. Our goals are to open up manufacturing of state-of-the-art ebus batteries within next two years and scale of to 20,000 pieces within the next three years. In order to succeed, we need all the best talents and experience on board. I am convinced Francis has all the skills and attitude required. I am truly proud to drive this major historic milestone together with Francis and the team”, comments Tomasz Jankowski, General Manager of BMZ Poland.

Francis Monteiro brings over twenty-five years of experience from various top management positions in internationally operating companies such as Sodecia Group, RAR Group - Colep Packaging.

During the years 1999 - 2006 he was responsible within Sodecia Group for manufacturing plants in Manaus (Brazil), Guarda (Portugal) and Bahia (Brazil) – all dedicated to automotive customers like Honda, Ford, Delphi, Renault and VW among others.

In the period of 2006 – 2015 Francis also gained experience in plant management in Chemnitz and Hannover (Germany), as well as in Wuhan and Dalian (China), followed by Pretoria (South Africa). On top he also worked several years as Quality Director for Sodecia Group.

By education Francis has a degree in Metallurgical Engineering, is a graduate of Michigan State University, Imperial College of London, as well as Universidade Catolica Portuguesa in Lisbon. Francis speaks Portuguese, Spanish and English.

Further information on the BMZ Group is available at www.bmz-group.com.

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BMZ Group is a global player in the development and production of cross-industry lithium-ion system solutions. It offers the complete value chain from the cell and the battery to second life and disposal. In addition to supplying markets such as medical, power- & gardentools as well as industrial applications, the BMZ Group sees itself primarily as THE GREEN ENERGY SYSTEM PROVIDER. With the production of home and industrial storage units for photovoltaic systems as well as batteries for electric mobility, BMZ manufactures the heart of the necessary infrastructure for the energy and transport turnaround. In view of the impending climate change and its consequences, the BMZ Group is thus fulfilling its social, economic and ecological responsibility. The Group is headquartered in Germany and has additional production facilities in China, Poland, the USA and North Macedonia, as well as subsidiaries in Japan, the UK and France. In addition, there are research and development sites worldwide. More than 2,500 employees work for the BMZ Group.

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