

Change in the Management

CEO Frank-Peter Böhm leaves OpenSynergy

Berlin, October 25, 2010. “Open for other approaches and unusual perspectives”. Driven by this attitude, Frank-Peter Böhm founded the Berlin software company OpenSynergy with four other partners in July 2007 and took over the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Now he is giving up this function in order to face new challenges. The management of OpenSynergy GmbH regrets his decision, but it is happy that he will continue to be connected to the company as a partner and in an advisory capacity: “His unconventional way of thinking, his high technical standards and his almost twenty years of experience as a manager and engineer in the car and motor vehicle industry were a driving force of the company, and they will continue to be an important support”, emphasises Stefaan Sonck Thiebaut, the current Chief Technology Officer (CTO). He will take over Böhm’s tasks jointly with the current Chief Operating Officer (COO), Rolf Morich.

Even during the crisis year 2009, both of them turned OpenSynergy into a highly specialised supplier - a company which has about 30 staff members today - under Böhm’s management. OpenSynergy’s core product is the universal operating system COQOS, which introduces virtualisation technology to cars. This technology ensures that more functions of different manufacturers and requirements can be integrated using less hardware.

COQOS will become especially important when it comes to integrating consumer electronics (based on Linux and Android) into a technical environment that is compatible with AUTOSAR. Here, COQOS guarantees the reliability of the software systems and the safe operation of the car electronics. Thanks to the modular approach of COQOS, it can be used in head units and instrument clusters, for connectivity systems and for advanced driver assistance systems. In addition, OpenSynergy offers consulting and engineering services for software development and software architectures in the fields of infotainment, connectivity and AUTOSAR.

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“COQOS is the logical consequence of the changes that have taken place in car electronics and software in recent years. Everyone who wants to make apps and safe functions available in cars will have to use COQOS. I am still convinced of the success of OpenSynergy and the idea behind COQOS, but I look forward to the new tasks and ideas in the future”, says Böhm.

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