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Aachen Machine Tool Colloquium AWK'20 to be postponed

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Consequence to global developments regarding the corona virus (Covid-19)

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Due to the current developments concerning the spread of the corona virus (Covid-19), we have been intensively dealing with safety and protective precautions for the Aachen Machine Tool Colloquium AWK'20 during the past weeks. We take this topic very seriously and are in close contact with the health authorities of the city of Aachen as well as the event center, the Eurogress Aachen.

Since the safety and health of our participants, customers and employees have the highest priority, we decided in consultation with the health authorities and following the recommendations of the Robert Koch Institute to postpone the 30th Aachen Machine Tool Colloquium.

At this point of time, given the expected increase in corona virus' spread, this decision is right and appropriate. In spite of the intensified information, hygiene and disinfection efforts, the availability of quarantine zones and the increase of medical staff on site, the health security precautions demanded by the Robert Koch Institute regarding the organization of major events would have been no longer achievable at all AWK'20 locations.

We assume the situation will calm down over the coming months and that a safe and unrestricted execution of the AWK will be guaranteed next year at the latest. We are currently in coordination and re-planning with the event center and will announce the new date of the Aachen Machine Tool Colloquium as soon as possible.

At this point we would also like to thank our partners, speakers and participants for their trust and commitment. If you have any further questions regarding participation in the AWK'20, please don't hesitate to contact our lead organizer, Mr. Markus Meurer.

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