

## Press Release

### **Dr. Thomas Wölfle, new Vice President of Automotive & Business Development at ACTANO**

With a focus on the automobile sector and the development of new business fields, Dr. Thomas Wölfle is assuming responsibility for two strategic fields of activity



**Munich, 26 January 2012 – Dr. Thomas Wölfle was appointed Vice President of Automotive & Business Development at the Munich-based ACTANO company with effect from 1 January 2012. In this role his mission is to extend the leading position of RPLAN e3 in the automobile industry and to increase the market penetration of the pioneering methodology of collaborative cross-company project management. His remit also includes the development and promotion of new fields of business and focal areas across business sectors.**

Dr. Thomas Wölfle can look back on more than 10 years of consulting and leadership experience in the automotive sector and in project management. After working as a consultant, the graduate engineer held leadership roles in industry, most recently as Director of Operations / Program Management Europe at MAGNA Exteriors & Interiors Management GmbH.

In his new role Dr. Thomas Wölfle will bring a customer-centric RPLAN e3 solution approach to company-internal and cross-company product development processes. "Our unique solution offering addresses the growing need to integrate suppliers and cooperation partners more closely in cross-company project management. RPLAN e3 focuses not only on synchronizing schedules, for example, but also on maturity, risk, and action management in value-added networks", says Dr. Wölfle.

Dr. Rupert Stuffer, CEO and head of the RPLAN Division at ACTANO: "Our 'collaborative project management' solution approach has its roots in the automotive sector. It is our aim to continue to build on our strong position in the automobile industry and to win new cross-sector RPLAN e3 customers. Professional business development is therefore crucial to the expansion plans of our company. With Dr. Thomas Wölfle on board as Vice President of

Automotive & Business Development, we have an outstanding professional who is more than capable of aligning our vision, strategies, and goals to meet customer needs.“

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Companies in the discrete manufacturing industry deploy the RPLAN software and employ ACTANO's implementation consulting services to develop complex products. RPLAN e3 integrates national and international suppliers in end-to-end value chains to ensure highly efficient product development processes. Currently, more than 100 high-profile companies with more than 120,000 users worldwide use RPLAN and RPLAN e3 to master challenges such as globalization and heterogeneity, integration of non-industrial partners, and synchronization and interaction in dynamic processes. Customers include Airbus, Allgaier Werke, Audi, BMW, Daimler, MTU AeroEngines, VW, and many more. ACTANO has entered into partnerships with leading solution providers, engineering providers, and IT infrastructure providers such as Siemens PLM, PTC, MHP, and Hewlett-Packard. The company has its head office in Munich and subsidiaries in Stuttgart, Wolfsburg, and Detroit/USA. Further information is available at [www.actano.com](http://www.actano.com)

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