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Silicon Saxony as signpost for digital future

- **Headboard of microelectronics network confirmed in office at general assembly**
- **Foundation of software research institute vital success for technology location**

Dresden, 24 November 2016. At the Silicon Saxony e.V. AGM on 23 November in Dresden, the members of the high tech trade association confirmed their previous management in office: Heinz Martin Esser (board spokesman), Gitta Haupold, Helmut Warnecke and Prof. Dr. Frank Schönefeld (headboard) got reelected. As Heinz Martin Esser, board spokesman, states: "I am delighted that our members expressed their confidence in the headboard once more. We regard this as a confirmation to be on the right track and we will pursue with all our efforts."

Pivotal strategic gain: Software research institute of DLR

For the Saxon economy, digitalization yields substantial potential. Here, the foundation of an institute for software research and simulation in Dresden under the roof of the national aeronautics and space research centre of the Federal Republic of Germany (DLR) means a pivotal strategic gain. As Helmut Warnecke, headboard of Silicon Saxony e.V. points out: "This new institute is a result of the joint engagement of the Saxon software industry and the Saxon regional politics. It is a crucial step that will provide new impulses for business start-ups as well."

Software and IT sectors have grown above average in the previous yeas

Compared to other industries, the software and IT sectors have had a leading position for years in terms of above average growth rates in their number of employees. All in all, in this sector, 31,000 coworkers are working in 1,900 enterprises at present, generating an annual turnover of more than 7 million euros. At Silicon Saxony e. V. too, the software industry has gained in significance in the previous years. Prof. Dr. Frank Schönefeld heads the IT network Software Saxony as well as the Silicon Saxony specialist field software.

Festive event for 15th anniversary – advancing interlinking

At a festive event with Saxon Prime Minister Stanislaw Tillich, the Saxon sector network celebrated its 15th anniversary on 23 March 2016. With a number of events and experts meetings, in the past year too, Silicon Saxony contributed to advance the close cooperation between producers, suppliers, service providers, universities, research institutes and public institutions at the industrial location Saxony and to promote the exchange between its participants. Moreover, the network was awarded: "Landmark 2016 in the Land of Ideas", a German business location initiative.

Gitta Haupold (board) is pleased: "Silicon Saxony has established as a platform. In the years to come as well, we will go on intensifying the networking of participants here at the business location as well as in connection with international trade associations and clusters." The full range of the work of Silicon Saxony e.V. is also reflected in the hot off the presses fourth edition of the annual journal "NEXT" that emphasizes the previous year's highlights and introduces new projects.

Download NEXT 2016 (in German language): www.silicon-saxony.de/next-2016

Pictures of the annual meeting can be downloaded here: <http://datas.weichertmehner.com/SilSax.zip>
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