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## **SPE Industrial Partner Network announces the appointment of new board members**

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**Rahden / Hanover – April 19, 2024** --- In the frame of their general meeting held on line on April 2, 2024, the SPE Industrial Partner Network e. V. has elected a new Board. Frank Welzel, HARTING Electronics, has been re-elected as Chairman of the Board. The following four board members representing the founding members of the SPE Industrial Partner Network have been appointed to the Board: Claus Kleedörfer, TE Connectivity (Vice Chair), Wolfgang Schenk, Belden / Hirschmann Automation & Control (Treasurer), and Jochen Metz, Metz Connect (Secretary of the Board).

The members of the both, the Board as well as the Extended Board, jointly define the strategic approach of the SPE Industrial Partner Network in order to further drive the implementation of the Single Pair Ethernet technology in the market – this to advance the Industrial Ethernet of Things (IIoT). Bundling its interdisciplinary competence and expertise, the Network has established three working groups, each with a dedicated focus: technology, application / use cases, and marketing. Their task is to develop and extend SPE-based opportunities in the industry both, on analog and digital, national and international platforms to the benefit of the SPE community and users. The SPE Industrial Partner Network is committed to building a comprehensive SPE ecosystem and drive standardization for the respective protocols, cabling, and device components.



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Five years after its founding, the SPE Industrial Partner Network premieres with its new Board and a dedicated booth at Hannover Messe 2024, the world-leading industry show in Hanover, Germany. On April 22 through 26, 2024, the SPE Industrial Partner Network welcomes visitors at booth #B53 in hall 11 – right next to ZVEI’s All Electric Society Arena – with a set-up of interactive SPE based application and use-case demonstrations and extensive opportunities to discuss the opportunities of Single Pair Ethernet in industrial context.



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**Via the partner network:**

The SPE Industrial Partner Network is based in Rahden in Westphalia and is an equal alliance of companies that promote Single Pair Ethernet technology as the basis for rapid and successful growth of IIoT. The aim of the association is to establish SPE on the market as a new Ethernet technology in the sense of a comprehensive ecosystem with all necessary components.

We also see ourselves as a partner of the Industrial Ethernet user groups and would like to support them in the adaptation of this new "physical layer" for PROFINET, EtherNet/IP, CC-LinkIE, for example.

The bundling of competences of the individual companies should give users an investment security to invest in this technology. Other interested companies are welcome to become new members. Shaping the future together - talk to us!

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