

## **Press release dated 29 September 2014**

### **New CEO at Belimed**

**Zug, 29 September 2014 – Metall Zug nominates Beat Spalinger as delegate of the Board of Directors of Belimed AG and as new CEO of Belimed. Beat Spalinger, an experienced executive in the medical devices industry, will continue to drive forward the ongoing restructuring of Belimed within an entrepreneurial set-up.**

In order to strengthen the Belimed Group, Beat Spalinger (56) will take over the operational management of Belimed and thus the responsibility for the Business Unit Infection Control of the Metall Zug Group on 1 October 2014. As experienced executive with a broad track record he will have the mission to continue the restructuring of Belimed within a challenging market environment and to lead the company to sustainable success again.

Beat Spalinger will acquire with own funds a minority stake of a maximum of 3% in Belimed AG at market conditions, and he will enter into a shareholders' agreement with Metall Zug AG. Furthermore he will be proposed for election as member and delegate of the Board of Directors of Belimed AG. This entrepreneurial set-up emphasizes Beat Spalinger's strong commitment for this new challenge. Beat Spalinger will not be a member of the Executive Board of the Metall Zug Group so that he can completely focus on his tasks. He will report directly to Dr. Jürg Werner, Chairman of Belimed AG and CEO of Metall Zug AG.

Beat Spalinger has an excellent track record and many years of international management experience. This includes in particular his expert knowledge within the medical devices industry and in restructuring situations. From 2010 to 2013 he was CEO of Straumann, the global leader in implant, restorative and regenerative dentistry. Before, Beat Spalinger was CFO of Straumann and of Flughafen Zürich AG, which operates the international airport in Zurich.

Dr. Claus Martini, the current CEO of Belimed and head of the Business Unit Infection Control, will retire from the Executive Board of the Metall Zug Group as at 1 October 2014 and will assume other strategic tasks within the Metall Zug Group.

Dr. Jürg Werner, Chairman of Belimed AG and CEO of Metall Zug AG: "Claus Martini has largely contributed to establishing Belimed as a strong player and to facing a challenging market environment during the past three years. I would like to thank him for his commitment during this difficult period. In Beat Spalinger, we have a successor who comes with unique and broad experience and an entrepreneurial spirit to achieve the turnaround. His challenging task will be to take advantage of the current strong market position of Belimed and to lead to company to sustainable success by focusing on innovation and the optimization of operating structures and processes."

**About the Belimed Group**

Belimed is one of the leading global suppliers of innovative cleaning, disinfection and sterilization solutions for medical and pharmaceutical applications. The company has some 1 200 employees in 11 countries and is represented by a network of sales subsidiaries and authorized partners in more than 80 countries.

**About the Metall Zug Group**

Metall Zug AG, an industrial group of companies headquartered in Zug, comprises three business units and has a workforce of around 3 500 employees. The Household Appliances Business Unit includes the Swiss market leader V-ZUG AG and its foreign subsidiaries, V-ZUG Kühltechnik AG, SIBIRGroup AG and Gehrig Group AG. The Infection Control Business Unit is represented by the Belimed Group, and the Schleuniger Group makes up the Wire Processing Business Unit. The holding company Metall Zug AG is listed in the Domestic Standard of SIX Swiss Exchange in Zurich (series B registered shares: Swiss security number 3 982 108, ticker symbol METN).

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**Key dates**

26 March 2015	Annual media conference
1 May 2015	General meeting of shareholders

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