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## **KLÖCKNER & CO SE FILLS VACANCY ON THE SUPERVISORY BOARD WITH DIGITAL ECONOMY EXPERT PROF. TOBIAS KOLLMANN**

**Duisburg, July 23, 2015** – On July 14, 2015 Prof. Tobias Kollmann has been appointed to the Supervisory Board of the Klöckner & Co SE by the Duisburg District Court with immediate effect. He succeeds Robert J. Koehler, who passed away on May 17, 2015.

“With Prof. Tobias Kollmann we acquire valuable digitalization expertise for the Supervisory Board of the Klöckner & Co SE. In addition, he is part of a broad network in scientific circles and the startup scene”, says Gisbert Rühl, CEO of the Klöckner & Co SE.

Born in 1970 in Bonn-Bad Godesberg, Prof. Tobias Kollmann is married and has two children. He has been involved with scientific issues relating to the internet, e-business and e-commerce since 1996. As co-founder of AutoScout24, he became one of the pioneers in the German internet start-up scene as well as in the electronic marketplace. He has served as professor for e-business and e-entrepreneurship at the University of Duisburg-Essen since 2001, where he has also held the chair for business administration and business information systems since April 2005. In his role as Business Angel, Prof. Kollmann has also helped finance numerous start-ups over the past 15 years, for which he was named “Business Angel of the Year” in 2012 by the German Business Angels Network e.V. In April 2013, he was appointed chairman of the “Junge Digitale Wirtschaft” (Young Digital Economy) advisory committee, which advises the Federal Minister of Economics in all critical matters pertaining to the digital economy. In



addition, Prof. Kollmann is the digital economy commissioner for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.



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