

### **Simon Hegele Healthcare Solutions (Americas and Asia Pacific) names James Nestel as new CEO**

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- Significant growth under outgoing CEO Christoph Sitzer
- A smooth transition is ensured
- Strategic alignment continues with James Nestel

**CHICAGO, June 15, 2020** - Simon Hegele Healthcare Solutions, the service partner of choice for original equipment manufacturers (OEM) of healthcare technology worldwide, announces the appointment of James Nestel, PE, as Chief Executive Officer for Americas and Asia Pacific. Nestel comes from Hitachi Healthcare Americas, North American division of Hitachi Limited's Healthcare Business Unit where he was Director of Operations.

"With Jim Nestel we have found an ideal successor. He brings in-depth OEM know-how and many years of management experience at home and abroad. Above all, we believe that Jim fits well into the team and our corporate culture," said Stefan Ulrich, CEO of the Simon Hegele Group.

"I have been working with the Simon Hegele Healthcare Solutions team for over a decade. I am honored to lead the company in the future and support its WE MAKE HEALTHCARE WORK mission," said CEO Nestel. "The industry is going through challenging times. Our customers rely on us to support them with our expertise in supply chain management. They expect innovations and the highest quality from us. These requirements will continue to be the focus of our actions in the future and we will continue to work to fully meet them every day," continues Nestel.

Nestel joined Hitachi Healthcare Americas in 2005 as a site planning and mechanical installation manager. After being promoted to Manager Service Operations, he was finally appointed Director of Operations. In this role, he made a significant contribution to company growth, technical development and quality improvement. Additionally, over the past five years Nestel has chaired the Medical Imaging Technology Alliance (MITA) Service Committee where he championed the value of quality medical equipment service.

Nestel has a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, holds an MBA from Weatherhead School of Management and is a licensed Professional Engineer. He and his family live in Ohio.

"The strong growth of the company in America and in the Asia-Pacific region is due to Christoph Sitzer's corporate vision, his leadership quality and a very well-functioning team", continues Ulrich. "Now I am looking forward to working with Jim Nestel with the aim to successfully develop existing customer relationships and build new ones".

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## **About Simon Hegele Healthcare Solutions (Americas, Asia Pacific)**

Headquartered in Chicago with locations in the United States, Mexico, and Australia, Simon Hegele Healthcare Solutions and GMED Healthcare Solutions deliver the industry's most comprehensive service portfolio that includes high-level logistical and technical solutions for original equipment manufacturers of medical devices on a global level. The companies are part of Simon Hegele Group.

## **About the Simon Hegele Group**

The Simon Hegele Group counts to one of the most innovative service providers along complex supply chain processes. The principle of "more than just logistics..." has been the engine for the further development of the company group and its services for about 100 years. At more than 50 locations worldwide, Simon Hegele offers customers from the healthcare, industrial, IT and retail sectors highly specialized value-added services tailored to the respective customer processes and supports them in adapting and focusing to and on their respective core competencies.