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## **Ralph Bronold – re-elected as President of EPCIA**

During the last formal EPCIA meeting in Selb on 6th October 2010, Ralph Bronold was re-elected unanimous as the President of EPCIA (European Passive Components Industry Association). He will continue as president of EPCIA for the next two years. EPCIA, under the umbrella of EECA (European Electronic Components Manufacturers Association), represents a range of major passive components manufacturers being active in Europe. Bronold, working at TDK-EPC Corporation in a VP Sales position, is also head of the working group Passive Components within the ZVEI Division Electronic Components and Systems.

In order to better address the ever increasing needs and expectations of manufacturers and suppliers of passive components in Europe EPCIA will continue to work with two Vice Presidents: Reinhard Sperlich, Managing Director at MURATA ELEKTRONIK GMBH will concentrate on Technology issues. His deep insight into the complex technology of passive components opens up for EPCIA the possibility to better observe technology trends or new requirements deriving from e.g. environmental topics. Mr. Sperlich succeeds Mr. Hermann Mayer, General Manager of Murata Elektronik GMBH and Vice President of EPCIA in the last two years. The members of EPCIA thank Mr. Mayer for his two years of great ambition and strong involvement in all matters of EPCIA as the major platform for all participants in the European Passive Components Industry market and wish him all the best for his future.

Yves Le Goff, Managing Director of GIXEL in France and Office Director of EURIPIDES Cluster of EUREKA, was also re-elected. He will be responsible for both the Networking on Political Level and for the European Development and Funding Programs.

Dr. Marcus Dietrich, technical manager in the ZVEI Division of Electronic Components and Systems will again serve as EPCIA Secretary for the next two years.

The EPCIA board continues its work to make EPCIA the most important association on an European level, representing the various interests of its members.