

Company News

## **Aumund Foundation to be new Owner of Aumund Group of Companies**

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Franz-Walter Aumund left a healthy and motivated high-quality business as his legacy. The Group companies, AUMUND Fördertechnik, SCHADE Lagertechnik, SAMSON Materials Handling, TILEMANN Ketten & Komponenten, AUMUND Group Field Service and AUMUND Logistic, supported by many overseas subsidiaries, are internationally well established in their respective markets. The AUMUND Group is indebted to its proprietor Franz-Walter Aumund who passed away in February 2023, for leaving a solid and financially secure organisation. His objectives of long-term and sustainable company development will be maintained by the new proprietor, the Aumund Foundation, as his inheritor.

"The AUMUND Group is led by Managing Directors who have grown with the company and whose primary focus is on proximity to customers. It pursues the values of quality and reliability which have increasingly become anchored in the AUMUND brand over its hundred year history. The Aumund Foundations support the principle of creating something lasting for others, and are committed to achieving a sustainable future for the next generation," says Alex van Denderen, CFO AUMUND Group and AUMUND Holding B.V., summing up the current situation of the Group of companies.



Franz-W. Aumund (1944–2023) embodies the third generation and has been active in the company since 1966. He was appointed Managing Director in 1982, and on the death of his father Günter-Claus Aumund in 1984 he became Managing Proprietor. Since 2022 Franz-W. Aumund had been Chairman of the AUMUND Advisory Board. (Pictures: ©AUMUND Group)

Franz-Walter Aumund represented the commitment of the AUMUND Group to social responsibility, and from the beginning he was a great advocate of vocational training, especially for young people. The increase in the international orientation of business activity was initiated by Franz-Walter Aumund, and has led to the Managing Directors of the individual companies and subsidiaries in the AUMUND Group taking on this social responsibility personally, supporting philanthropic projects all over the world. The creation of the Foundations again clearly underlined the importance of the philanthropic vision of Franz-Walter Aumund. Since 2006 educational projects have primarily been supported by the Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung. The Aumund Foundation, created in 2019, is the new owner of the AUMUND Group, and supports not only international school and vocational education projects, but also focuses specifically on international humanitarian ventures, especially in the area of medicine.

The AUMUND Group encompasses experienced specialists for conveying, storage, loading and unloading of bulk materials, site service, maintenance, and freight forwarding. This results in a product and service range which covers complete process chains in the cement, lime, gypsum, mining, minerals, metallurgy, foundry, power, chemicals, fertiliser and foodstuffs industries, as well as in ports and terminals and alternative fuels.

"Alongside reliable plant availability, customers can also count on the sustainability of solutions from AUMUND. Each Group company and each service provider offers ecological solutions which are environmentally sound, and follow the principle of the circular economy. But sustainability always has a social aspect for us as well. Like the Foundations we support projects which specifically invest in educating young people to give them a better future," says Pietro de Michieli, CEO AUMUND Group and AUMUND Holding B.V., describing the current state of development and objectives of the business.

The company values are also reflected in the technical solutions offered by the AUMUND Group for many different processes. The great flexibility of the products enables integration into very sophisticated industrial environments, not only in terms of space available, but also capacity, operation and other criteria. Patented

products, strict quality control and tailor-made innovations create security for customers and their projects. All of this means that the companies as a Group are on solid ground, both technically and financially. This is an important guiding principle which the founder, Franz-Walter Aumund wanted to see continued.