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## GSB Special



**Dear members of the GSB,**

today GSB board member Thomas Knoll introduces himself.

We spoke with him about the work on the board and his passion for the GSB.

As always we wish you a good start into the week and a lot of fun reading.

Your GSB-Team



The members of the GSB Board introduce themselves:  
Thomas Knoll

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**Thomas Knoll – TIGER Coatings GmbH & Co. KG**



*Mr. Knoll, let's start with your beginnings on the GSB Board. Your predecessors have reported on the various ways in which they came to their positions on the board. What was it like for you and when did you join?*

I came to GSB following the suggestion of Hans-Jürgen Alfort and recommendations of some highly respected GSB members. In 2007 I was elected to the GSB Board. In this function I am responsible for the area of training courses. In addition, I contribute my knowledge regarding the expansion of the quality association in Eastern Europe and the selection of institutes for testing systems and coaters.

*This sounds like a multi-faceted and exciting field of activity for which you are responsible. What do you particularly enjoy about your voluntary work on the GSB board?*

There are two central aspects. One aspect is the technical part. The visual appearance of building objects is very important to me. Through my work at the GSB, I help to ensure the high quality of coating systems for facades, windows and doors, for example. This increases the value retention of a building and ensures that colors and effects in all geographic regions shine for many years.

The other aspect is the GSB Team itself. It is a great pleasure for me to work with an international team in which a professional, respectful and appreciative approach is lived, where new concepts are constantly being created and proven ones are constantly updated.

*That is always nice to hear when the board members are involved with real enthusiasm! Let's come to the GSB itself. What makes the GSB so unique for you?*

The practice-oriented quality regulations, which outline the requirements for a coating product in detail, immediately come to mind. In addition, there are corresponding process-accompanying and final tests on the product.

These activities guarantee the client a durable, aesthetic coating with excellent adhesion to the substrate and excellent color and gloss consistency.

A team of experts from the specialist areas of metallurgy, surface pretreatment or coating materials as well as experienced users develop and compile these regulations on a voluntary basis in countless working hours and submit them for approval after extensive testing. However, it is not the board of directors or the quality committee that decides whether new and/or adapted regulations come into force, but the members themselves!

*Then we come finally to the advantages for the members. Let's suppose a company would like to become a*

*member. What are the advantages for the company resulting from a membership ?*

First and foremost, safety and trust are the top priorities for architects and building owners when it comes to surface finishing of aluminum and steel - without any compromises. Accredited testing institutes ensure conformity and implementation of the quality regulations through regular, independent inspections, in addition to ongoing consultation with architects and users along the value chain.

The future is also ensured. The GSB adapts the quality regulations to the latest state-of-the-art and develops them continuously. With the exposure classes Florida 1, 3, 5 and 10 years, our members today have access to high-quality, tested coating materials that are suitable for all climate zones around the globe in terms of weathering stability.



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