**New Global Sales Head for the Automotive Business of Freudenberg Sealing Technologies**

**Weinheim (Germany), March 1, 2019. As of May 1, 2019, Matthew Chapman will take over as the new President of Sales and Marketing for the automotive business of Freudenberg Sealing Technologies. The company is part of the Freudenberg Group and the global market leader in sealing technology and a supplier to the automotive industry. Chapman succeeds Rainer Joest, who is retiring after more than 40 years of successful service to the company.**

Matthew Chapman has detailed knowledge of the automotive industry. He has worked for Freudenberg Sealing Technologies in various sales positions in the automotive business for over 15 years. After successfully completing his mechanical engineering studies at Kettering University in Michigan (USA), Chapman joined the company’s North America sales organization as an account manager in 2003. This was followed by other global management positions within automotive sales. Since 2018, he has been Vice President of Sales and Marketing for New Mobility, responsible for the worldwide business activities of Freudenberg Sealing Technologies in the field of electromobility.

His predecessor Rainer Joest is retiring after more than four decades with the company. Since 2016, he has been responsible for worldwide sales of the automotive business of Freudenberg Sealing Technologies. “We would like to thank Rainer Joest for his extraordinarily successful work. With his forward-looking decisions, he made a decisive contribution to ensuring that our company was able to master the necessary transformation regarding the emerging electro mobility also on the sales side,” said Claus Möhlenkamp, CEO of Freudenberg Sealing Technologies. “With our innovations and product solutions for the new drives of the future, we are a partner at eye level for our customers in the automotive industry.”

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**About Freudenberg Sealing Technologies**

Freudenberg Sealing Technologies is a longstanding technology expert and market leader in sealing technology and electric mobility solutions worldwide. With its unique materials and technology expertise, the company is a proven supplier for demanding products and applications, as well as a development and service partner to customers in the automotive industries and in general industries. In 2017, Freudenberg Sealing Technologies generated sales of about €2.3 billion and employed approximately 15,000 people.

The company is part to the global Freudenberg Group with its business areas Seals and Vibration Control Technology, Nonwovens and Filtration, Household Products as well as Specialties and Others. In 2017, the Group generated sales of approximately €9.3 billion and employed more than 48,000 associates in around 60 countries. More information is available at [www.freudenberg.com](http://www.freudenberg.com).

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