

SHORT PROFILE/ CV



WORK EXPERIENCE

- Since 01/2020** **Vice President Product Management & Engineering,**
GEA Tuchenhausen GmbH, Germany
- Global responsibility for our BUs product portfolio strategy across entire value chain (Valves, Pumps and Cleaning Technology)
 - Responsibility for Research & Development (R & D) priorities and annual budget and mid-term planning
 - GEA's representative in the General Assembly of EHEDG
- 06/2015-12/2019** **Senior Vice President Product Group Management Flow Components**
GEA Tuchenhausen GmbH, Germany
- Head of strategic product management of product group Flow Components (Valves, Pumps and Cleaning Technology)
 - Overall responsibility for product group portfolio strategy across value chain and mid-term P&L responsibility
- 04/2014-05/2015** **Product Portfolio Manager Hygienic Valves**
GEA Tuchenhausen GmbH, Germany
- Professional lead of the national and global product team (Product Management and Technical Support) for Hygienic Valve Technology
 - Implementation and support of the global product portfolio strategy
- 10/2004-03/2014** **Product Manager Hygienic Valves**
GEA Tuchenhausen GmbH, Germany
- Responsibility for the product portfolio of Hygienic Valves
 - Technical support for the sales department & customers
 - Participation in work groups and co-authoring of hygienic valve guidelines & standards (EHEDG, 3A)

EDUCATION

- 08/2000 – 09/2003** **Degree: Diplom-Betriebswirt (BA)**
- Dual course of study (Business Administration)
 - Practical apprenticeship at GEA Tuchenhausen GmbH (in parallel)

PERSONAL PROFILE

- Age:** 42 years old
- Civil status:** married, 2 children (4 and 7 years old)
- Hobbies:** Football, Sports
- Languages:** german (mother language), english (fluent)

Motivation statement Bastian Tolle

Since 2004, I'm active in the field of Product Management & Product Development of hygienic valves & pumps at GEA.

Since the first day of my active working career, driving for an optimized hygienic design of our components has always been a main motivator for me to support the food producers in setting up and running safe and secure processes and as a consequence to secure people's health when consuming processed goods.

Driven by this motivation, I've been actively involved in all topics and activities along the two global dominating standards for hygienic design, EHEDG and 3A as a representative of my company.

With regards to both standards, I've actively engaged in the respective working groups (e.g. Working Group Valves in EHEDG) to discuss, formulate and update the guidelines to match current state-of-the-art principles and set new design benchmarks to increase the level of safety in food processes through properly designed components.

Beside the creation of the guidelines, I've gained deep experience in transferring those guidelines to the practical life by applying the underlying guidelines to the specific design of components during development processes as well as running through the linked certification processes.

Currently, I hold the position of Vice President Product Management & Engineering within the Business Unit Valves & Pumps at GEA and have gained profound experience in strategical matters during the recent years, whilst still being responsible for matters relating EHEDG and 3A. Recently, I have furthermore acted as the representative for the General Assembly for GEA and coordinated EHEDG matters inside GEA.

Based on my solid operational and strategic experience through my professional career, as well as my experience with EHEDG, 3A and the regular interaction with integrators, engineering companies and food producers, I believe that I can give valuable input to the EHEDG organization.

My ambition as an active member of the Advisory Board would be to

- actively contribute to maintain and grow the relevance and reach of EHEDG and its underlying principles of hygienic design as a key pillar for food safety
- increase the focus on sustainability in EHEDG's guiding principles and guidelines
- holistically consider the views and inputs from all involved stakeholders

in order to contribute to a safer and more sustainable future in food processing, with EHEDG as a recognized main driver.