

152nd General Meeting of the Swiss Association for Technical Inspections (SVTI)

## **The SVTI's General Meeting takes place once again in writing**

**Wallisellen, 29 June 2021. – In light of the official guidelines relating to COVID-19, this year's General Meeting of the SVTI took place in writing. The SVTI looks back on a positive and successful year. The SVTI believes it is on the right path when it comes to digitalisation, with many development steps having been accelerated because of the situation.**

### **Conducted in writing**

As was the case last year, the General Meeting was conducted in writing. Association members who took part in postal voting approved the proposals by a large majority.

### **Modernisation of the statutes and re-election of the board**

The SVTI's current statutes have undergone modernisation, and the option of patronage has been introduced. To complement and strengthen the board, Dr Christian Plüss and Michael Wieser were elected to join it.

Christian Plüss has been CEO of Post Auto AG since 2018 and is a member of the Post AG executive committee. Michael Wieser is the head of the projects and engineering business unit and member of the executive board at SBB Energie.

### **First ever digital SVTI annual report**

The annual report for 2020 has been published in digital format for the first time in SVTI's long history. This is a further step towards the digitalisation of communications on the part of SVTI.

### **Positive fiscal year 2020**

The SVTI Group, comprising the SVTI and the Swiss Safety Center AG, once again posted consistently strong results. Consolidated operating results rose despite a number of obstacles caused by the pandemic. Leasing of the office space in the extension building has now been successfully completed.

### **Among other things, 2020 was a year of innovative accomplishments for the SVTI.**

In the field of training in particular, but also in automation, the SVTI Group made huge strides that may not have been possible at such speed if it hadn't been for the pandemic. The development of modern, non-destructive testing using artificial intelligence and robotics has taken another step forward; the keywords here are topics such as echolyst, phased array ultrasonics and vision systems.

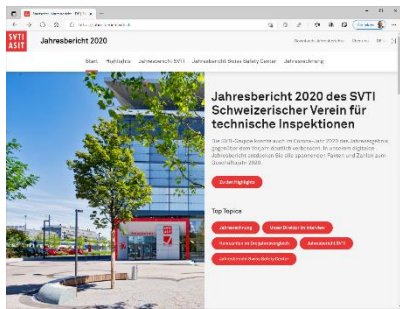
### **Optimistic outlook**

The SVTI's management is confident that the company will continue to develop positively over the next few years and will maintain and consolidate its strong positioning in the field of technical inspections. The conditions are also ideal for the future growth and continued development of the Swiss Safety Center AG. The subsidiary company has immense potential to expand on the market and gradually build on its role as an innovative service provider of safety and environmental technology in the various sectors where it is active.

Image 1: SVTI annual report in digital format (screenshot <https://jahresbericht.svti.ch/>)

Image 2: Non-destructive testing in the construction industry using the echolyst system

Image 3: Weld testing using the ultrasonic crawler



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## The SVTI – over 150 years in the service of safety

The SVTI Swiss Association for Technical Inspections is among the leading Swiss institutions in the field of technical safety inspections. As a private, independent, not-for-profit association, which was founded in 1869 and has around 8,000 members, the SVTI takes on official and private tasks on behalf of the state and the cantons.

The purpose of the SVTI is the prevention of accidents, malfunctions and damage and the elimination of hazards in the production and operation of technical equipment of all kinds. The primary activities of the SVTI include the monitoring of technical installations and equipment such as pipes and pipelines, installations in power plants and pressure vessels, as well as market surveillance for lifts and pressure equipment.

The SVTI is comprised of the departments Pressure Vessel Inspectorate, Federal Pipelines Inspectorate, Nuclear Inspectorate, the Swiss Federal Inspectorate for Lifts and Market Surveillance of Pressure Equipment.

Alongside the Swiss Safety Center AG, the SVTI is part of the SVTI Group, the independent centre of excellence for technical safety and risk management.

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