

## **FREQUENTIS Vice President Public Transport, Thomas Karl, receives Golden Decoration of Honour by the Republic of Austria**

**Thomas Karl, Vice President Frequentis Public Transport and authorised officer of Frequentis AG, proudly received a special award for services to the Republic of Austria. During a formal ceremony on 11 December 2019, Federal Minister Andreas Reichhart awarded him the Golden Decoration of Honour.**

In 1994 Thomas Karl joined Frequentis in the Marketing and Business Development division. Since 2001 he has been concentrating on the comprehensive development and expansion of the Public Transport business unit. As a Vienna Technical University (TU Vienna) graduate he brings dedication, creativity, and passion to the company – qualities from which the Austrian railway industry benefits equally.

Thomas Karl represents Frequentis in the Association of the Austrian Railway Industry, where he was Vice President and then President from 2013 to 2017. In his association activities he set and continues to set important incentives; not only for the railway industry, but also for Frequentis. He focuses on innovations: "Increasingly shortened innovation cycles pose particularly new challenges for railway operators and also for companies in the railway industry".

Thomas Karl has therefore promoted and continues to promote all research activities, including granting a patent to Frequentis for the pioneering Bearer Independent Railway Communication Architecture in 2018.

Innovative strength and expertise enabled the Austrian high-tech company to establish an important development centre for solutions for operational communication and emergency management. Today, major railways around the world rely on the quality and performance of products made in Austria. Frequentis AG's public transport customers include the Swiss SBB, German DB AG, and UK Network Rail. The reference projects at Austrian ÖBB and Wiener Linien have also played a major role in the company's international success.

In a leading role, Frequentis also participates in the major European standardisation committees for railways which has enabled the company to advance important areas of European standardisation.

In addition, Frequentis is delighted that one of its top managers has received this award. Under the leadership of Thomas Karl Frequentis has risen to world market leader in the rail sector, with almost 30 countries worldwide now supplied with Frequentis transport solutions. "At the moment, the rail sector is strongly concerned with capacity limits. Technology is the answer – Thomas Karl and his team are already working on future-oriented solutions, such as Mission Critical Services in 5G networks," says Frequentis CEO Norbert Haslacher.

## About FREQUENTIS

Frequentis headquartered in Vienna is an international supplier of communication and information systems for control centres with safety-critical tasks. Such 'control centre solutions' are developed and marketed by Frequentis in the business sectors Air Traffic Management (civil and military air traffic control, air defence) and Public Safety & Transport (the police, fire brigade, ambulance services, shipping, railways). Frequentis operates a worldwide network of branches, subsidiaries and local representatives in more than 50 countries. Products and solutions from Frequentis can be found in over 30,000 operator working positions and in about 140 countries. Founded in 1947, Frequentis is, by its own estimation, the global market leader in voice communication systems for air traffic control with a market share of around 30%. Moreover, the Frequentis Group's systems are globally leading in AIM (aeronautical information management) and aeronautical message handling systems, as well as in GSM-R systems in the field of Public Transport.

The shares of Frequentis AG are traded on the prime market on the Vienna Stock Exchange and in the general standard on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol FQT (ISIN: ATFREQUENT09).

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