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Bjoern Klaas Named Vice President and Managing Director of Proto Labs Europe

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MAPLE PLAIN, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 19, 2017-- [Proto Labs](#) (NYSE: PRLB), a global leader in technology-enabled manufacturing, has named Bjoern Klaas as Vice President and Managing Director of its European operations effective December 1, 2017. Klaas will replace John Tumelty, who will facilitate a smooth transition until his retirement at the end of December.

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Bjoern Klaas will join digital manufacturing leader, Proto Labs, as Vice President and Managing Director of its European operations. (Photo: Business Wire)

“Bjoern’s experience in international leadership and his knowledge of the manufacturing industry will be invaluable as we continue to build on the foundation we’ve established in Europe,” said Vicki Holt, President and CEO at Proto Labs. “We’re excited to have Bjoern guiding the way as we expand our global capabilities.”

Over the past five years, Klaas has held key positions with global polymer supplier PolyOne, most recently as the company’s VP and GM for its ColorMatrix Group headquartered in the United States. Klaas was CEO and GM of Colorant Chromatics through early 2012 and held previous strategic management positions at specialty chemical company Clariant.

Proto Labs launched its manufacturing services in the United Kingdom in 2005 and has since expanded to serve all of Europe with additional manufacturing operations in Germany and Finland. Proto Labs’ European region reported revenues of £50 million (\$64 million) for the past 12 months ended June 30, 2017, representing growth of 20 percent.

About Proto Labs

Proto Labs is the world’s fastest digital manufacturing source for rapid prototyping and on-demand production. The technology-enabled company produces custom parts and assemblies in as fast as 1 day with automated 3D printing, CNC machining and injection molding processes. Its digital approach to manufacturing enables accelerated time to market, reduces development and production costs, and minimizes risk throughout the product life cycle. Visit protolabs.com for more information.



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