

## HEINZ TROX IS DEAD (29 JUNE 1934 TO 1 OCTOBER 2015)

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Neukirchen-Vluyn, Germany, 1 October 2015. – Heinz Trox is dead. The majority shareholder of TROX GmbH passed away on 1 October 2015, aged 81.

Heinz Trox was born in 1934. After completing both a mechanical engineering course and an economics course at Munich University, Heinz Trox started his professional career as an engineer in the US. In 1959 he joined TROX GmbH in Neukirchen-Vluyn, where he was first responsible for international business. From 1969 onwards, and now a Member of the Board of Management, he oversaw international business, product management, and research and development. He became chairman of the Board of Management in 1988, and left the Board of Management for the Supervisory Board of TROX GmbH in 2001, whose chairman he became in 2012.

For his lifetime achievement as an entrepreneur, Heinz Trox was honoured with the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. We mourn the passing of a true citizen of the world, who had his feet firmly on the ground. He was an old school entrepreneur, in the best sense of the word, who was committed to his employees and to society.

All of us, the employees of the TROX GROUP, owe our jobs to his lifetime achievement. We are aware that securing our jobs means securing what he created. This motivates us, but it is also a huge challenge, as the footsteps in which we are to follow are not small.