

PRESS RELEASE

Andreas Arnold to become additional Managing Director of ZLT Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik

Friedrichshafen, June 29, 2026 – Andreas Arnold will join Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik GmbH & Co. KG (ZLT) as an additional managing director effective July 1, 2026.

Together with the current managing director, Eckhard Breuer, he will lead ZLT and its flight operations subsidiary, Deutsche Zeppelin-Reederei GmbH (DZR), going forward.

With Andreas Arnold, ZLT is gaining an experienced leader from the aviation industry. The 52-year-old holds a degree in aerospace engineering, an MBA, and an ATPL commercial pilot license. Prior to his new role at ZLT, Arnold served as a captain at the business jet operator Global Jet Luxembourg.

Over the course of his more than 30-year career, Arnold has held various management, sales, and pilot positions, first in military aviation and then in civil aviation. “He thus combines technical expertise, operational flight experience, and commercial management knowledge,” says ZF Chief Financial Officer Michael Frick on behalf of ZLT shareholder ZF Friedrichshafen AG.

“The history of the Zeppelins is inextricably linked to the city of Friedrichshafen; the Zeppelin has long been a landmark far beyond the city limits,” says Simon Blümcke, mayor of Friedrichshafen and chairman of the supervisory board of ZLT shareholder Luftschiffbau Zeppelin GmbH. “With an additional managing director, we aim to continue writing ZLT’s success story.” The expanded flight operations at the new Zeppelin site at Essen/Mülheim Airport are also expected to contribute to this.

In his new role, Andreas Arnold will be responsible, together with Eckhard Breuer, for the strategic and operational development of ZLT and DZR. “I was immediately inspired by the combination of tradition, technology, and a passion for aviation that Zeppelin has stood for for generations. Together with Eckhard Breuer and the entire team, I would like to strategically contribute my experience in aviation, leadership, and international business development to

continue the success story of this special company,” Arnold said, explaining his decision to join ZLT.

“I am very pleased that the shareholders have chosen Andreas Arnold. We share a long-standing friendship within the industry, and I have always greatly valued his professional expertise and entrepreneurial vision,” adds Eckhard Breuer.

The expansion of the management team underscores the long-term orientation of Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik GmbH & Co. KG. The company specializes in the development, manufacture, and operation of modern Zeppelin NT airships, combining technological expertise with many years of experience in flight operations.

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From left to right: The two ZLT managing directors, Eckhard Breuer and Andreas Arnold

ZLT Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik GmbH & Co. KG

ZLT Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik GmbH & Co. KG, headquartered in Friedrichshafen, was founded in 1993. ZLT develops, builds, and markets the Zeppelin NT, a modern airship designed for a wide range of applications: passenger aviation, special missions for scientific and industrial projects, promotional flights, and multimedia operations.

Deutsche Zeppelin-Reederei GmbH

Deutsche Zeppelin-Reederei GmbH is a wholly owned subsidiary of ZLT. DZR was founded in January 2001 as the operating company for the Zeppelin NT. In addition to flight operations, DZR is also responsible for training airship pilots.

Zeppelin NT

The Zeppelin NT (New Technology) is the world's largest and only airship certified for commercial passenger service, featuring a rigid internal structure. The propulsion systems, tail units, and cabin are mounted directly to the load-bearing structure, providing the Zeppelin NT with the highest levels of safety, comfort, and performance. With a length of 75 m and a volume of 8,425 m³, the Zeppelin NT is currently the largest semi-rigid airship. ZLT relies on a combination of proven experience and state-of-the-art technology.

The Zeppelin NT, in the LZ N07-100 configuration, is certified by the LBA, EASA, FAA, and JCAB for commercial flight operations carrying up to 13 passengers—and in the new LZ N07-101 version, for up to 15 passengers, by the LBA, EASA, and FAA.

For more information on the Zeppelin NT: www.zeppelinflug.de

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