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GF Piping Systems appoints Balu Challagundla to lead Process Automation business

With extensive global experience across strategy, M&A, sales, services, operations, and technology, Balu Challagundla will now head the Process Automation business at GF Piping Systems. He brings with him a strong background in the industry, having held various leadership roles at various automation companies for nearly a decade before joining GF Piping Systems two years ago.

Balu Challagundla will oversee the development and implementation of advanced automation solutions with our holistic portfolio of valves, actuation and measurement solutions to solve complex process challenges for GF Piping Systems' customers. Since joining GF Piping Systems as Head of Strategy in July 2022, he has been instrumental in shaping the company's strategic direction, with a focus on innovation and operational excellence. Prior to that, he drove significant growth and innovation within the process automation space in various global companies.

Balu Challagundla, Managing Director / President Process Automation about his appointment: "Process Automation is at the heart of enabling industries to operate smarter and more sustainably. I look forward to building upon GF Piping Systems' history of excellence and innovation. My goal is to empower our teams and customers to navigate and shape the evolving landscape of industrial automation, delivering solutions and services that meet today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities."

Balu Challagundla is recognized in the industry for his ability to bridge the worlds of strategy and execution, ensuring value creation for customers and stakeholders alike.

GF Piping Systems is committed to driving advancements in Process Automation with its comprehensive portfolio of measurement, valve and actuation technologies as well as services. These solutions help industries optimize processes, reduce waste, and enhance sustainability.

For more information about GF Piping Systems' Process Automation solutions, visit:

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About GF Piping Systems

GF Piping Systems creates connections for life as the superior water and flow solutions provider for industries and infrastructure, enabling the safe and sustainable transport of fluids.

The division focuses on industry-leading leak-free piping solutions and engineering services for numerous demanding end-market segments. Its global sales, engineering, and manufacturing footprint reflects its strong focus on customer-centricity and innovation, and its award-winning portfolio includes fittings, valves, pipes, vaults, chambers, automation, fabrication, and jointing technologies.

GF Piping Systems has its own sales companies in 33 countries and fabrication hubs in 15 countries, which means it is always by its customers' side. Production sites in 40 locations in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia ensure sufficient availability and quick, reliable delivery. In 2023, GF Piping Systems generated sales of CHF 2'100 million and employed 8'798 people. GF Piping Systems is a division of Georg Fischer AG (GF), founded in 1802 and headquartered in Schaffhausen (Switzerland).

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Balu Challagundla,
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