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WOLFGANG LEHMACHER WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Mr. Lehmacher is a global executive, consultant and entrepreneur. He was Partner and Managing Director (China and India) at the global strategy firm CVA, also overseeing the worldwide logistics and transportation practice. 2005 – 2010, he served as President and CEO of GeoPost Intercontinental, the global expansion vehicle of French La Poste, and 1999 – 2005, as International Director GeoPost. Before, he held senior management positions with TNT, including Head of Eastern European and Eastern Mediterranean Regions and Country General Manager Switzerland. Mr. Lehmacher is a member of the IATA Air Cargo Innovation Awards Jury and the Logistikweisen, a think tank under the patronage of the German Federal Ministry BMVI.



PIET OPSTAELE PORT OF ANTWERP

As innovation 'enablement' manager for the Port Authority, Piet is one of the drivers of the digital transition in the Port of Antwerp. By executing concrete innovation projects, he makes the 'Harbor of Things' tangible and leads the development of innovation platforms to a smart Port - on which startups, companies, knowledge institutions and other authorities create new value for the Antwerp port ecosystem.

In the 90's, Piet started at one of the most successful startups in the Benelux – Tele Atlas, a producer of digital geographic data – acquired by TomTom in 2008. Between 2011 and 2014 he managed a consultancy firm and was closely involved in the startups in the energy sector. Piet holds 2 masters, in Spatial and Urban Planning, post-graduates in energy and environmental management and an MBA International management.



COR RADINGS MTI NETWORK

Cor Radings is a Senior Partner with MTI Network, the world's leading incident response and media management specialist network for the shipping and offshore industry. With a background in journalism and shipping he joined MTI in 2001 and has since been working extensively on incident response and reputation management programmes for clients worldwide.

As a frontline responder he has a daily involvement in MTI's 24/7 strategic media advise during (high-profile) shipping and offshore incidents. Cor Radings is also involved in MTI Network's worldwide media training programme.



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JORIK ROMBOUTS ROMBIT

Jorik Rombouts is founder and CEO of Rombit, an Antwerp-based IoT-company. Founded in 2012 - whilst finishing his IT-degree - Rombit is Joriks first job and venture. In recent years, the company evolved from being a web-software developer into an IoT-specialist in the field of Smart Industries and Smart Cities.

Rombit has grown from Flanders' Most Promising Startup (VOKA 2014, Trends 2015, JCI) into an experienced IT-integrator, covering industrial markets with in-house solutions that closely integrate with the existing customer infrastructure and tools.

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