**MVTec: Two long-time employees take on new responsibilities**

* **Christoph Wagner in dual role as** **Product Manager Embedded Vision and Technical Product Manager MERLIC**
* **Thomas Hopfner becomes Product Manager Licensing and Interfaces**

**Munich, February 16, 2021** – MVTec Software GmbH ([www.mvtec.com](http://www.mvtec.com)), a international provider of standard machine vision software, announces two important changes to their product management team: Since September 1, 2020, Christoph Wagner has taken on product management responsibilities for MVTec’s easy-to-use software MERLIC. He will add this responsibility to his ongoing role as product manager for embedded vision. Effective January 2021, Thomas Hopfner is the new product manager for software licensing and interfaces.

**Many years of machine vision experience**

In his dual role, Christoph Wagner – who, since 2017, has been the product and business development manager for embedded vision at MVTec – now has the optimal opportunity to combine his experience and expertise in machine vision software and embedded vision environments to advance two of MVTec’s key product lines. Before joining MVTec, Christoph Wagner was employed as a technical support manager and product manager for 2D and 3D profile sensors (optoelectronic sensors). The mechanical engineer and certified business administrator has accumulated more than ten years of experience in product management and technical support, as well as in research and development in the field of machine vision.

“I’m extremely pleased to be able to use my experience in the application field to further develop MERLIC and in this way create synergies between the two growth markets of embedded vision and easy-to-use software,” says Wagner, commenting on his new dual function.

**Solid licensing and standardization expertise**

Thomas Hopfner occupies the newly created position ”Product Manager Licensing and Interfaces” at MVTec. This role allows the renowned expert in licensing and hardware interface standards to fully utilize his many years of experience. He will also be responsible for managing and further developing the Image Acquisition Partner Program.

The graduate electrical engineer began his career at MVTec in August 2005. One of his first achievements was to integrate embedded porting projects into the HALCON product licensing system, which provided him with valuable experience in software licensing. Later, he became increasingly involved with image acquisition and developed interfaces like the widely used interface to the GigE Vision standard which includes a Windows driver and hence enables HALCON users worldwide the integration of their GigE Vision cameras. The Principal Software Engineer has actively contributed to the further technical development of the GenICam, GigEVision, and USB3 Vision standards through his dedicated work in standardization bodies. Additionally, he was technically responsible for the licensing technology used in MVTec products.

“I’m happy that I can continue my long career at MVTec with a new, interesting, and challenging area of responsibility. Based on my in-depth technical knowledge I’ll be able to provide optimal guidance for the further development of our products,” says Hopfner.

**About MVTec Software GmbH**

MVTec is a leading manufacturer of standard software for machine vision. MVTec products are used in all demanding areas of imaging: semiconductor industry, surface inspection, automatic optical inspection systems, quality control, metrology, as well as medicine and surveillance. By providing modern technologies such as 3D vision, deep learning, and embedded vision, software by MVTec also enables new automation solutions for the Industrial Internet of Things aka Industry 4.0. With locations in Germany, the USA, and China, as well as an established network of international distributors, MVTec is represented in more than 35 countries worldwide. [www.mvtec.com](http://www.mvtec.com)

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