



## **Ralf-Michael Franke**

- CEO Factory Automation
- Born on April 21, 1958 in Hildesheim, Germany

### **Professional History**

After studying electrical engineering at the University of Kassel, Ralf-Michael Franke joined Siemens in 1985. He first worked in Erlangen on the development of drive technology, followed by various PLM process activities in the Equipment Factory, also in Erlangen. In 1998, he took over as Head of Quality Assurance, and in 2000 took charge of coordinating the inter-divisional development of the new SINAMICS drives platform. From 2003 onwards, Franke managed the top+ company program Innovation in Munich. In 2004, Ralf-Michael Franke became CEO of the Siemens Business Unit Industrial Automation Systems. In April 2011, he took over leadership of the Drive Technologies division. As of October 2014, Ralf-Michael Franke is the CEO of the Business Unit Factory Automation. The Business Unit Factory Automation (Nuremberg) offers an end-to-end range of automation products and systems for all sectors of the manufacturing industry. The portfolio is supplemented by customer specific versions as well as turnkey logistics and production plants. As the market leader, Factory Automation shapes the global automation technology market and is a clear trendsetter.

From April 01, 2019 Ralf-Michael Franke will be the CEO of the Business Unit Factory Automation of Siemens Operating Company "Digital Industries".