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VIP Dinner Discussion One/14
with

The Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP

Minister of State for Business and Enterprise and

Minister of State for Energy



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On Tuesday, 4 March, 2014, the Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, Minister of State for Business and Enterprise and Minister of State for Energy, was our Guest of Honour and Speaker at a Dinner Discussion at the Royal Overseas League Club, London SW1, hosted by our Chairman and Chief Executive, Dr Bernd Atenstaedt.



Royal Over-Seas League Club



Lt-rt - Mr Simon Flunder, German Chargé d'Affaires, Minister, Dr Bernd Atenstaedt, Mr Clemens Richter

The Minister spoke about the UK's relationship with Germany. This is an important year for both countries. It is the 300th Anniversary of the Personal Union between the House of Hanover and Great Britain and the WW1 Centenary. He also referred to the visit of Chancellor Merkel to London last Thursday and talked about the UK and the European Union and the Government's industrial

strategy amongst other topics.

A lively discussion followed, in particular about Europe and the importance of engineering for the UK.



Lt-rt - Mr Roland Aurich, Mr Phil Couchman, Mr Rhys Jarvis, Mr Heiner Boehmer, Mr Armin Brestrich

Some 20 members and guests were present, amongst them the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the German Embassy, Mr Joerg Ranau. Members who took part included Mr Roland Aurich, Chief Executive of Siemens plc, Mr Phil Couchman, Chief Executive UK & Ireland of DHL Express UK & Ireland, Mr Simon Flunder, Member of the Advisory Council of GIUK, Mr Laurence Grubb, Managing Director of AKG UK Ltd, Mr Richard Halhead, Managing Director of Fuchs UK plc, Mr Michael Harris, Managing Director of WashTec UK Ltd, Mr Rhys Jarvis, Chairman of Voith Turbo Ltd, Mr Frank Mackel, Managing Director of Rohde & Schwarz UK Ltd, Mr Clemens Richter, Managing Director of CMR Controls Ltd and Mr Malcolm Whetton, Finance Director of ThyssenKrupp UK plc. Guests included Dr Andreas Prothmann, Minister and Head of the Economic and Financial Affairs Department of the German Embassy, Mr Heiner Boehmer, General Manager of the London Branch of Helaba Bank, Mr Armin Brestrich, Head of the London Branch of KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH and Mr Richard Pratt, Head of Business Strategy of RWE npower and Ms Elizabeth Farmer, Private Secretary to the Minister.

This was a very rewarding evening with one of the most important Ministers for us in the UK Government.



Most participants