## INTERVIEW WITH DR.-ING. CLAUDIA JAHN-WOLF Company leadership



#### 1. How would you label your function?

For the Topas Team I view myself as a coach, in business matters I'm more of an analyst.

## 2. What plans and expectations did you have when you stepped into your current leadership role?

With my background and affinity for technology, Topas was a welcome challenge for me from the start. Since 2017, there has been a leap in growth, also in the team. I wanted to help develop this growing company, its processes and structures. The fact that completely new ways had to be sought due to the consequences of the Corona pandemic, such as increases in material costs or travel restrictions, emerged as another task that continues to this day. With solutions such as remote installations and repairs or environmentally friendly shuttle packaging, we are meeting the challenges in a sustainable way. That's another important topic for me.

## 3. How do you assess the development of the industry and naturally also of Topas, too?

We serve the worldwide capital goods market in the growing segment of filters and separators with our test systems and equipment, which are used for quality assurance and provide the reliability and comparability. Globalization is powered by these qualities, and they are our core business. In view of the increasingly intense debate on environmental protection, there is great potential for us and the products we produce. And, hand-in-hand with growing demand in our top fields of health protection and energy generation, we are seeing growing demand for our products. That's why I think that Topas is one of the winners of the current time.

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#### 4. What could be exciting new fields of work for Topas?

Technologies for generating, conditioning and measuring particles are our specialty. Among other things, we can use them to equip analysis systems for monitoring air pollutants. Another topic of the future is energy generation using fuel cells. Here, among other things, suitable systems are needed for air intake, where we can become active. In medical technology, further development of aerosol generators for testing face masks or respirators can be expected. But our devices could also be used to an even greater extent in cancer research.

## 5. What do you wish Topas for the future?

I wish for us to make Topas the first choice for customers, true to the advertising classic: "my house, my car, my Topas." Our strength is thinking along with customer requirements and developing solutions for them. This includes encouraging our employees to take a broad view – then new opportunities arise for our customers but also for us (almost) by themselves.