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Press release

Thomas Houiellebecq is the new Head of Cyber Security Consulting of SEC Consult (Switzerland) Ltd.

Zurich/Vienna, September 20th 2023 - Thomas Houiellebecq (34) replaces the current Managing Director Stefan Merz at SEC Consult (Switzerland) AG. The trained computer forensic expert has been with the company since 2021 and will now also use his proven expertise in information security as Head of Cyber Security Consulting Switzerland for the successful further development of SEC Consult.

SEC Consult was founded in 2002 and has since developed into the leading consultant in the field of cyber and application security in German-speaking countries. The company is now active on several continents, has also been based in Switzerland since 2014, and has built up a consistent customer base based on trust.

Thomas Houiellebecq has been active in the information security industry for more than a decade and is pleased to now lead the company in this highly dynamic sector: "I am proud to be part of the SEC Consult team, which stands for a clear vision as well as a strong mission and enjoys an excellent reputation in the industry. I would like to further expand our company's position as a trusted partner for the federal economy and authorities and strengthen the sustainable and trusting relationships with existing and potential clients, partners and stakeholders."

His goal is not only to expand the portfolio with innovative and high-quality cybersecurity solutions, but also to promote the further training and development of the employees. "There are currently around 20 highly qualified cybersecurity professionals working at our location, who contribute significantly to the SEC Consult corporate culture, which is based on values such as integrity, excellence, teamwork and customer orientation. Without this strong team, past successes would not have been possible and future successes would not be realised," Houiellebecq specifies.

"Purple Team" personified

After completing his computer forensics training at the University of South Wales (formerly University of Glamorgan), Thomas Houiellebecq gained his first professional experience in a Digital Forensic & Incident Response team at a large international consulting firm. High-profile cases with clients from all over the world and from various industries ensured that he quickly became acquainted with the most varied and diverse facets of cybersecurity.

Over time, he expanded his skills and knowledge to include offensive security activities such as web application and infrastructure pentesting, effectively becoming a "Purple Team" in one person, understanding cyberattacks from both an offensive (Red Team) and defensive perspective (Blue Team). During this time, he has earned numerous industry-recognised technical certifications, such as GIAC GCFA, GCFR and OffSec OSCP, to name a few.

As a member of the supervisory board of DEFCON Switzerland Association, he is committed to the transfer of knowledge in the field of information security and the sensitisation of users, and is also in constant exchange with the important players in the industry here.

For **Wolfgang Baumgartner, General Manager of SEC Consult Group**, this 360-degree view of information security is an important aspect in the decision to entrust Thomas Houiellebecq with the management of the Swiss location. "Thomas Houiellebecq knows cybersecurity from all sides and knows what our clients need. With him, we have a security expert at the helm who not only has excellent knowledge in the operational area, but also always has an eye on the latest developments in the industry. Thanks to his broad network, among other things, he will provide important impulses for the strategic further development of SEC Consult (Schweiz) AG."

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