Protolabs Appoints Frank Klein to Board of Directors

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Chief Operations Officer at Rocket Lab brings more than 30 years of manufacturing and operations leadership to Protolabs

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Protolabs (NYSE: PRLB), the world's leading provider of digital manufacturing services, today announced the appointment of Frank Klein to Protolabs' Board of Directors, effective as of November 19, 2026. Klein is Chief Operations Officer (COO) at Rocket Lab Corporation, a global leader in launch services and space systems, and serves on the board of directors for Path Robotics, a global leader in physical AI for manufacturing. Klein has more than three decades of international manufacturing and operations leadership across the aerospace and automotive industries.

Before joining Rocket Lab, Klein served as COO at Rivian Automotive from 2022 to 2024, where he helped scale the company from an automotive start-up to a high-volume manufacturer of premium electric vehicles. Previously, he was President at Magna Steyr AG, the automotive industry's largest independent contract manufacturer. Klein also spent 27 years at Daimler AG (now Mercedes-Benz Group), where he led several business divisions.

"I am delighted to welcome Frank to the board," said Rainer Gawlick, Chairman of the Protolabs Board of Directors. "With a proven track record of helping advanced manufacturers scale with speed and precision, his expertise aligns with our expansion into full life cycle support from prototyping through production. His perspective will be valuable as we continue to grow our combined factory and digital network offering and deepen our presence in emerging defense, satellite, drone, robotics, and commercial space industries."

Klein's extensive experience in global operations, high-volume production, supply chain management, and manufacturing transformation complements the board's existing expertise and aligns closely with the company's strategy to be the leading digital manufacturing partner for customers across the full product life cycle.

"It is a privilege to join the board at a time when the company is advancing its digital manufacturing leadership to serve customers well beyond the prototype stage," said Klein. "Having spent my career helping manufacturers scale production while maintaining quality and speed, I look forward to working with the board and leadership team to help Protolabs accelerate its growth."

About Protolabs

Protolabs (NYSE: PRLB) is the world's fastest manufacturing service enabling companies across every industry to streamline production of quality parts throughout the entire product life cycle. From custom prototyping to end-use production, we support product developers, engineers, and supply chain teams along every phase of their manufacturing journey. Get started now at protolabs.com.

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