

METS2 Short Course 5



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Reinhard Beneke joined Kingsbury GmbH in May 2012. He graduated in 1996 as mechanical engineer at the University of Braunschweig, Germany and has been employed as a research engineer at the Institute of Machinery Elements under leadership of Prof. Glienicke till 2002. In the bearing industry he worked at Sartorius Bearing Technology in which he undertook later the leading role of the technical support. After John Crane took over the Sartorius business in 2007, Reinhard's role changed to R&D. During the transition and integration phase he gave technical trainings on hydrodynamic bearing technology and promoted the bearing business within the group and among its customers. In 2012 he finished writing his thesis with title: "Adaptive gas-lubricated mechanical seals for extreme operational conditions" covering the research work on mechanical face seals and floating ring seals. Today – with Kingsbury - Reinhard continues on technical support and customer consulting in the key interface area between customer, research and production.