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MakerVerse Hires Ward Ripmeester as Chief Operations Officer

Berlin, Sept. 6 2022 – MakerVerse, the additive manufacturing platform for sourcing industrial grade parts on demand, welcomes Ward Ripmeester as Chief Operations Officer. Ripmeester brings a decade of additive manufacturing supply chain and operations experience to this newly created role.

“I’m excited to be part of what MakerVerse is building,” said Ripmeester. “I truly believe in the platform model in the on-demand manufacturing industry. MakerVerse is uniquely positioned to add value to customers by navigating the complexity of a highly segmented, fast-growing market.”

Ripmeester is experienced with start-ups and scale-ups. Before joining MakerVerse, Ripmeester was Director of Global Supply Chain at Shapeways. In that role, he managed a global distributed network of manufacturing partners in a fast growing, innovative environment. Ripmeester worked at Shapeways for nearly a decade. Before, he was involved in the preparation, launch, and execution of a postal delivery service at TNT Post in London, UK.

With Ripmeester’s supply chain and operations experience, MakerVerse is poised for continued growth. The company which launched earlier this year, enables customers to upload design files and [instantly receive quotes](#) for their parts. A range of [additive manufacturing technologies](#) and materials give customers the flexibility for everything from prototyping to creating end-use parts. A vetted European-only supply chain with 700+ printers helps customers gain end-to-end fulfillment security and fast turnaround times.

“We’re thrilled to have Ward lead operations,” said Dr. Markus Seibold, CEO of MakerVerse. “With our supply chain, we pride ourselves on providing fast lead times, guaranteed quality, and all the technologies needed for companies to bring additive manufacturing use cases to life. Ward is a perfect fit to help us scale in all those categories.”

Ripmeester received a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a Master of Science in global business and stakeholder management from Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

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About MakerVerse

MakerVerse is the additive manufacturing platform for sourcing industrial-grade parts on demand. The multi-sided platform connects industrial makers with a distributed network of certified producers. MakerVerse is an independent legal entity and joint venture initiative between Siemens Energy, ZEISS, and financial/venture capital investors including 9.5 ventures. The new company combines cutting-edge industry expertise with profound knowledge in digital venture-building. The start-up was founded in 2022 and is headquartered in Berlin, Germany. For more information, please visit www.makerverse.ai.