

Personalia

Nelson Schneider appointed new Director Sales at Lüscher



Mr. Nelson Schneider.

Lüscher AG has been able to record a number of great results with the new CTS system JetScreen DX. Since 1st October 2008 Nelson Schneider has been providing his management expertise to Lüscher AG in the Sales & Distribution Department.

The new Director of Sales CTS is responsible for customer acquisition, customer service and customer support in the sale of computer-to-screen systems. The highly experienced, longtime marketing expert Stefan Thulin stands alongside him in his position as Area Sales Manager. A meaningful breakdown of the worldwide markets on which Lüscher AG is active lets the Lüscher marketing team work at a high level of efficiency for the future.

Nelson Schneider acts as a consultant to the home market of Switzerland and the important countries in the Euro zone, not including Scandinavia, Great Britain, Italy or Greece. His area of responsibility also includes North America, Central and South America as well as Africa and the Mediterranean countries. Lüscher is expanding its cooperation with KIWO.

BASF assumes EPCA presidency



Dr. Albert Heuser.

Dr. Albert Heuser became President of European Petrochemical Association (EPCA) as of January 2009. With effect from January 1, 2009, Dr. Albert Heuser (53), head of BASF's Petrochemicals division, became the new President of the European Petrochemical Association (EPCA) for the next three years. The EPCA is the most important European association for the petrochemical industry.

Heuser joined BASF in 1987. Important functions since that time have been: Head of the Styrenics production department at BASF Antwerpen N. V. in Belgium, Chairman of the Board of Management of BASF Schwarzheide GmbH and President Ludwigshafen Verbund Site Management, BASF Aktiengesellschaft. Heuser has been head of BASF's Petrochemicals division since April 2006.

Jörg Büchler of Rieter awarded by North India Textile Mill Association

Northern India Textile Mills Association awarded Jörg Büchler for his contribution to the Indian Textile industry. Northern India Textile Mills Association was having its executive meeting in Ludhiana in October 2008. Rieter India is member of this association for over 10 years and attended the meeting.

It was the last official visit to North India for Jörg Büchler, Area Sales Manager for Rieter in India, before his retirement. The President of NITMA, Mr. Sunil Kumar Jain, who is also a customer of Rieter, made a farewell speech for Jörg Büchler and handed over a memento on behalf of NITMA for his contribution to the Indian Textile Industry.



Mr. Sunil Kumar Jain, President of NITMA (left) hands over a memento to Mr. Jörg Büchler of Rieter (right).

EDANA announces new Marketing and Communications Director



Abby Bailey.

EDANA, who represent the nonwovens and related industries has appointed Abby Bailey as its new Marketing and Communications Director, effective November 2008. Abby will help to support EDANA's mission: 'to create an environment beneficial to sustainable and profitable growth of the industry participants through the active promotion of sustainable development, consumer interests and transparency'.

In this newly expanded role combining both the marketing and communications needs of the Association and its member companies, Abby is responsible for setting the internal and external communications strategy, and coordinate the marketing of EDANA service and membership benefits. Abby will also organise marketing and communications activities which raise awareness and understanding of the nonwovens and related industries, bringing her knowledge and expertise to EDANA, reinforcing its aim to provide excellence in its services to members.

An Australian citizen with more than 10 years experience in communications and marketing, Abby has supported the corporate marketing and communications strategy, issues management and media engagement programs for a number of large companies across a diverse range of areas, from transport and logistics to telecommunications and public services.

Clariant streamlines Board of Management

Clariant, a world leader in specialty chemicals, announced that it will streamline the company's critical management processes in order to improve efficiency and to gain speed in restructuring. effective January 1, 2009, the Board of Management will be transformed into an Executive Committee (EC).

Under the leadership of the CEO, its members will have shared responsibility for the company's operations. The Executive Committee will be built up as follows:

- ❖ **Hariolf Kottmann (CEO):** Clariant Excellence, Talent Management Review, Technology & Innovation, Communication, Corporate Development.
- ❖ **Patrick Jany (CFO):** Treasury, Accounting, Controlling, Investor Relations, Tax, Mergers & Acquisitions, Legal Affairs, Information Technologies, Human Resources, Corporate Auditing.
- ❖ **Siegfried Fischer:** Functional Chemicals Division, Group ESHA & Corporate Security, CIS, Eastern Europe.
- ❖ **Okke Koo:** Pigments & Additives Division, Procurement, Europe, Middle East, Africa.
- ❖ **Dominik von Bertrab:** Masterbatches Division, Group Supply Chain, Americas.
- ❖ **Peter Brandenburg:** Textile, Leather & Paper Chemicals Division, Asia, Pacific, India. ♦