

# Personalia

## KARL MAYER has a new commercial director

As of 1 February 2009, Dr. Helmut Preßl is working alongside Herr Fritz P. Mayer at the head of KARL MAYER. KARL MAYER has a new commercial director since the beginning of February. Dr. Helmut Preßl has taken over responsibility for this area, and is working in conjunction with the managing director, Herr Fritz P. Mayer.



Dr. Helmut Preßl, new commercial director.

Dr. Preßl is 45 years old and has a doctorate in business administration. He was employed for many years in a variety of managerial positions at Siemens AG. There, he was mainly involved with solving IT applications for use in production control and with business analysis within the area of corporate finance; he was also the commercial director for drive and automation technology products. In his last few years at Siemens AG, Dr. Helmut Preßl was the commercial director of the Electronic Assembly Systems, and later of Dematic Holding and Dematic GmbH in Luxembourg and Offenbach.

From 2005 up to the time when he took on this new position, Dr. Helmut Preßl, in his role as commercial director, was responsible for the carve-out of Dematic from the Siemens Group into medium-sized, independent companies, as well as for restructuring them. He became the commercial director of Dematic's global business, which operated as a medium-sized, independent company.

Dr. Preßl was born in Bavaria and now lives in Hesse. He is looking forward to bringing his commitment and knowledge to bear in a medium-sized, family-run company. He believes that his primary function is to support the process of reorganisation that is currently under way, and to coordinate international networks – an area in which he has had a great deal of experience.

## LANXESS appoints Dr. Wolfgang as Head of Inorganic Pigments Business Unit

Specialty chemicals group LANXESS AG has appointed Dr. Wolfgang Oehlert (45) as Vice President for the Inorganic Pigments business unit for Asia Pacific. He is concurrently the General Manager of LANXESS Shanghai Pigments Co. Ltd. The appointments became effective on 1 March 2009.

"With Oehlert, we have appointed a true expert in the field of iron oxide pigments with many years of experience and a thorough knowledge of the Asian market. I am convinced that he will be a strong driver for the future profitable growth of our iron oxide business in Asia," comments Joerg Hellwig, global head of the LANXESS Inorganic Pigments business unit. Oehlert replaces Dr. Rolf Haselhorst (41), who served as General Manager for LANXESS Shanghai Pigments since 2002. Dr. Haselhorst will return to the business unit's headquarters in Krefeld, Germany, to take responsibility for strategic projects, reporting directly to Joerg Hellwig.



Dr. Wolfgang Oehlert

Dr. Wolfgang Oehlert started his career with Bayer in Krefeld in 1992 as a Research Manager for iron oxide pigments, moving on with leading positions in Technical Functions and Production. In 1998, Oehlert transferred to Bayer Corporation in the USA to take over the responsibility for the production unit at the New Martinsville, West Virginia site. In 2001, he moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was responsible for the Technical Service, Product and Quality Management of the Colorants Businesses, as well as served as Plant Manager for the Blending Unit in Imperial, Pennsylvania.

He returned to Krefeld in 2003, and undertook responsibility for the global Supply Chain Management of the Inorganic Pigments business unit. He was

responsible for the all supply chain functions including production planning, inventory management, customer service and related functions. Oehlert is married and has two children.

The Inorganic Pigments business unit belongs to the Performance Chemicals segment, which achieved total sales in 2007 of EUR 1.97 billion. LANXESS earned sales of around EUR 6.61 billion in 2007. LANXESS currently employs around 15,000 staff in 21 countries and has operations at 44 sites worldwide.

## Clariant Appoints Mathias Lütgendorf Member of the Executive Committee

Clariant, a world leader in specialty chemicals, has appointed Mathias Lütgendorf as a member of its Executive Committee, effective April 1, 2009. He will assume responsibility for the Textile, Leather and Paper Businesses as well as for the company's Asian region. Peter Brandenburg, currently head of the Textile, Leather and Paper Chemicals (TLP) Division will retire after a highly successful career with Clariant spanning 38 years including 14 years as a member of the Executive Committee.

At the same time the decision has been made to operationally separate the Textile, Leather and Paper Business Units from each other by the end of 2009. This move will enable each business to be managed as a stand alone unit, providing the operational and strategic flexibility required to improve their profitability. The three Business Unit heads as well as the heads of Controlling and Production and Technology of the current structure will report directly to Mathias Lütgendorf.

Mathias Lütgendorf was member of the Executive Committee of privately held textile dyes and chemicals producer DyStar until the end of 2008, where he was responsible for Global Operations. Prior to this he had held several management positions within DyStar and Hoechst. He holds a PhD in chemistry from the Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen, Germany.

"I am very pleased with the appointment of Mathias Lütgendorf. He is a senior executive from the chemical industry. His skills and experience will ensure we navigate our Textile, Leather and Paper Businesses through difficult times while at the same time increasing our footprint in Asia", commented Clariant's CEO, Hariolf Kottmann. ♦