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## DyStar appointed new CFO and CTO

Effective from April 1<sup>st</sup>, Viktor Leendertz has replaced Harry Dobrowolski as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of DyStar. Harry Dobrowolski has been appointed Chief Transformation Officer (CTO). DyStar CEO J. Mark Allan commented: "Viktor and Harry have proven to be excellent people with a great talent to develop strategic solutions and to give guidance in difficult times. In their new positions, both will play major roles in the restructuring of DyStar."

Viktor Leendertz was previously serving as Vice President Finance. Earlier, he was Head of Division Controlling Textile Solutions and Regional CFO for the Region Asia/Pacific at DyStar. Before Harry Dobrowolski became CFO of DyStar, he was Regional CFO, responsible for the Region Americas. In his new position, he will exclusively attend to the current transformation processes at DyStar.

## David Repper celebrates 40 years at James H. Heal Ltd



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David M Repper joined textile testing manufacturers James H Heal & Co Ltd on 9th April 1969.

Over the last 40 years James H. Heal & Co Ltd has been led by David Repper, with a commitment to continuous investment in the latest design and manufacturing technologies, David's guidance has enabled this British textile testing equipment manufacturer, to become a world leader in their field.

A textile graduate from Leeds University, David has dedicated his career to the development of "The Global Textile Testing Industry." Working closely with many leading retailers, test houses and customers throughout the world many of whom join him in celebrating this remarkable achievement.

In 1982 David took the helm as Managing Director when his late father (Harry Repper) retired.

David's passion for the textile industry has been inspirational for James H Heal & Co. Ltd. who under his leadership and direction have developed a portfolio of world class equipment, including fabric

and colour fastness testing instruments, Quality Assured Consumables and a dedicated Service & Calibration Division, HEALINK, offering UKAS Calibration throughout the world on a wide range of testing instruments.

In 1995 HEALS were awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Export for their outstanding achievements in the export market a testament to David's foresight and success over the years.

The Management and Staff of HEALS would like to pass on their gratitude to David for his passion and dedication and wish him good health, happiness and success for the future.

## Mike Bartle takes over as president of the SDC



Dr. Mike Bartle is the new president of the Society of Dyers and Colourists (SDC), the world's only chartered society, professional body and educational charity dedicated to the science, technology and application of colour. He takes over from Sue Williams.

Very much part of the traditional, core membership-base of the SDC, Mike began his working life at ICI within the polymer production unit which was formative in sparking an interest in dye chemistry. So much so, during his next position working in a large dyehouse he developed an interest in textile coloration that inspired him to return to the lab to carry out research into the chemistry of azo dyes, leading to a PhD, which formed the groundwork for his future career.

Over the years, he has undertaken a variety of roles within the textile industry working in fashion, automotive, sportswear and performance fabric processing, involving cotton, silk, polyester, acrylic, polyamide and wool yarns. He has worked overseas, with the vision to set up new business concerns in emerging markets, establishing a number of dyehouses in both Egypt and Sri Lanka. And it is this wealth of experience and attitude that provides Mike with a solid base to represent the SDC as its key ambassador at this stage in the organisation's history.

He embraces change and welcomes challenges, and with a new five-year business plan for the Society to be implemented beginning 1 July 2009, his presidential year certainly comes at the dawn of a new horizon for the SDC. With the mission of the Society more-or-less unchanged in its 125-year history, a new set of aims and objectives – developed with the needs of the worldwide membership in mind, whilst also encompassing people of all ages with an interest in colour – will ensure the SDC is a thriving and sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> century organisation.

Comments Mike, 'I aim to get very involved in the implementation of the new business plan to drive the Society forward as the leading global provider of information and expertise in the science of colour.'

Throughout his term of office, the new president will work closely with the SDC chief executive, Susie Hargreaves, who says of the new president, 'Mike is a well-known figure in the coloration industry, both in the UK and overseas, and over the years he has seen the industry develop, welcoming new innovations and innovators. I am looking forward to working with him.' ♦

## Syed Amir Mujtaba of Naz International passes away



With profound grief and a heavy heart, we announce the demise of Syed Amir Mujtaba in a fatal car accident on April 06, 2009 near the Karachi Airport. He was on way to Lahore on a service call visit. Amir was a dedicated and hard working service engineer. He worked for NAZ International Company, since last 5-years with utmost dedication and earned the trust of their clients in the Textile and Paper industry. Amir had been imparted training in Germany and Austria and was fully capable installing and servicing of very complex instruments.

Amir was also being retained by SDL Atlas to do off shore installation jobs in Philippines, Vietnam and India. Before joining NAZ, Amir had worked at Gul Ahmed Textiles and Datacolor. Amir's sudden demise is a great loss to NAZ and all those who came in touch with him. Amir leaves behind two lovely sons and a daughter. We request our readers to remember him in their prayers. ♦