

## New owners to take over Trevira from November 1

On November 1, Stefan Messer and Dr. Karl-Gerhard Seifert will take over Germany-based Trevira GmbH - a manufacturer of high-value branded polyester fibers and filament yarns for the apparel, home textiles and automotive industries as well as hygiene and technical applications -- from India-based Reliance Group. Trevira had filed for bankruptcy " June 9, 2009). It was initially hoped the transfer would occur October 1, but the deal did not receive European antitrust approval in time.

The transaction includes all registered designs and patents of the Trevira Group; Trevira's Germany-based manufacturing facilities in Bobingen and Guben; a production site in Zielona Gora, Poland; and sales offices in Hattersheim, Germany, as well as other locations. Approximately 1,450 employees will continue to work with Trevira once the sale is complete.

## OC Oerlikon names Ziegler acting CEO

The Board of Directors of OC Oerlikon Corp. AG, Switzerland, has named Hans Ziegler a delegate of the Board of Directors and acting CEO, effective immediately. Ziegler, a corporate restructuring and turnaround management specialist who has served on the Board since 2008, replaces previous CEO Dr. Uwe Krüger, who is leaving the company.

"Our decision was made in light of OC Oerlikon's semiannual results," said Vladimir Kuznetsov, chairman of the Board of Directors. "OC Oerlikon's sales fell by 40 percent and order intake by 39 percent in the first half [H1] of 2009 compared to H1 2008 amid an economic downturn of unprecedented proportions.

The company urgently needs to secure coordination of strategic portfolio decisions with operational measures of OC Oerlikon's businesses. The announced management change ensures the alignment of the company's strategy with the interests of all stakeholders."

The company has identified more than 700 initiatives to cut operating costs, including site consolidations, temporary plant closures, reductions in workforce and work hours, vacation extensions, hiring and pay freezes, product line discontinuations, supplier contract renegotiations, and other measures. In H1 2009, the company eliminated almost 1,500 jobs across all businesses, and it plans a further reduction of 2,500 positions in the second half of the year.

OC Oerlikon's textile business, Germany-based Oerlikon Textile GmbH, reported H1 2009 orders 47 percent below H1 2008 levels, with sales 55 percent lower than year-earlier sales.

Restructuring initiatives undertaken so far to improve performance include consolidation of three manufacturing sites, elimination of 700 jobs worldwide and reduction of work hours for some 2,000 employees. Its performance has shown some improvement, with higher incoming orders than sales in the second quarter of this year, and the company reports what appears to be a "sustainable upward trend" in the man-made fibers market. Improvement in sales is expected in the second half of the year.

Overall, OC Oerlikon spent 100 million Swiss francs in research and development in H1 2009, and it anticipates sustained improvements in performance and a return to profitability in 2010.

## Expo Hightex welcomes Dr. Jean-Pierre Giroud to an international forum on geosynthetics

Dr. Jean-Pierre Giroud, a key figure in the development of the geosynthetics, and notably geotextiles, industry, will attend Expo Hightex on Tuesday, October 8, 2009, at Montréal's Bonsecours Market.

Dr. Giroud will explain the innovation processes responsible for creating this market segment, along with the mechanisms the textile industry has developed to meet the needs of civil engineering, and in

the afternoon of the same day, he will speak on geosynthetics' applications in road construction. Geosynthetics today generate billions of dollars annually and offer new possibilities for development, particularly in the textile industry.

Dr. Giroud's activities are an important part of a day of seminars dedicated to geosynthetics. Expo Hightex will welcome various local and international experts from the private and public sectors who will address such topics as approval and regulations for geosynthetic products, and the commercial opportunities the latter offer.

Dr. Jean-Pierre Giroud, ECP engineer, Doctor of Science, Doctor Honoris Causa from the Technical University of Bucharest, member of the National Academy of Engineering (USA), and one-time professor of geotechnics, is a consulting engineer in the U.S., and honorary president and founder of Geosyntec Consultants, a major engineering consulting firm. Dr. Giroud is the president of the editorial committee of Geosynthetics International, and past president of the International Geosynthetics Society (IGS). He also carried out two mandates as president of the technical committee on geosynthetics in the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE). In 1977, he became the first person to use the terms "geotextile" and "geomembrane." He has also authored 360 publications.

The geosynthetics forum is a unique opportunity to discover this promising field, on both a technological level and a commercial one. ♦

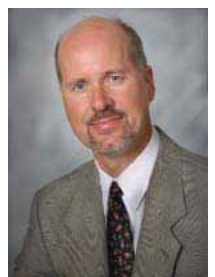
## SDL Atlas appoints Erik Pfanku as Sales Representative for Texas, Southwest

Erik Pfanku, owner of Aspect Engineering Inc., has joined the expanding team of sales representatives at testing innovator SDL Atlas. From his headquarters outside Dallas, Erik will coordinate sales and support for the complete line of SDL Atlas textile testers and color measurement instruments in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado and Utah.

"My approach has always focused on taking care of customers the best way I can," he said. "Our business is really solving problems with technology. I have found that when you do that well, the sales opportunities will come." Erik's credentials include more than 25 years of sales, support and management in testing research and process instrumentation, and a deep knowledge of color measurement technology.

Al Simpson, SDL Atlas general manager for the Americas, formally announced Erik's appointment at the company's U.S. headquarters here.

"We have known Erik for many years and we are delighted by his decision to join us as our Southwest sales rep," Simpson said. "His keen understanding of the technology of testing and his long dedication to satisfying customers in every possible way are at the core of what SDL Atlas represents to our industry." ♦



Mr. Erik Pfanku, Sales Representative.