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Rainer Mestermann as new CEO of Mahlo

Mahlo GmbH + Co. KG, active in developing and manufacturing modern textile machinery and quality control systems, located in Saal/Donau, has appointed



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Rainer Mestermann as new Chief Executive Officer as of December 1st 2012. The graduate engineer comes from Thermo Fisher Scientific in Erlangen, Germany; an internationally active supplier for measuring systems for flat webs.

Ralf Hopp came from the company Baumuller Nuernberg Group, one of a leading specialist for automation solutions and for drive systems, switched to Mahlo in October 2009 to assume a position in Management and he leaves the company now in mutual agreement.

Ralph Greenwood-Mahlo, Participator – Chairman of advisory board at Mahlo GmbH + Co. KG said, “Mr. Hopp was a loyal and professional colleague and we very much appreciated his strategic working and technical understanding. The Mahlo family thanks him for his dedication and the trusting cooperation.”

HEC best research paper award to Dr. Faheem Uddin

Higher Education Commission (HEC) launched the Outstanding Research Awards to recognize the achievements of Pakistani researchers and scholars in research, innovation and publication in all areas of knowledge. Research work of scholars was evaluated by the Judges nominated by the Research Awards Management Committee.



Professor Dr. Faheem Uddin (1st from right) receiving Award from Dr. Javaid R. Laghari, HEC Chairperson and Dr. Sohail Naqvi, HEC Executive Director (center).

As many as 33 outstanding researchers were awarded Outstanding Research Awards in various areas of knowledge in a ceremony held at HEC, Islamabad on October 17, 2011. Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Mir Changez Khan Jamali was the chief guest.

Awards were given under six academic disciplines including Biological Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Basic and Applied Sciences, Management Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities.

Professor Dr. Faheem Uddin, Professor and Chairman Textile Engineering, BUIITEMS, Quetta, was awarded Best Research Paper Award in engineering and technology for his paper ‘Clays, Nanoclays, and Montmorillonite Minerals’. The paper was published in Metallurgical and Materials Transactions A, Volume 39A, (December 2008). The Journal is published in association with The Minerals, Metals, & Material Society and ASM International. It was rated at 8 out of 70 international journals in material engineering category.

His clay mineral research studies identified indigenous clay reserves utilization. Clay mineral is inexpensively available material (Pakistan is of the region where major clay reserve exists). When immersed in polymeric or fibrous structure, clay mineral may produce resistance to fire/ heat/ temperature/ reagent and even the radiation.

Clement Woon succeeds Thomas Babacan as Segment CEO of Oerlikon Textile

The Oerlikon Group announces the consolidation of the five Textile machinery and components businesses into three Business Units (BUs) and relocation of Textile's headquarters to Shanghai, China.

In line with the new organizational structure, Clement Woon, an internationally experienced executive will succeed Thomas Babacan as Segment CEO on 1 January 2012. Oerlikon's CEO, Dr. Michael Buscher, said: “We have seen strong improvement in our Textile business, resulting in record margins. With the announcement today we are positioning the Segment even closer to our largest customers, consistent with our strategy to further increase efficiency and profitability. I would like to thank Thomas Babacan for his dedication to Oerlikon and welcome Clement Woon to the company.”

Oerlikon Textile Executives, including the CEO and CFO, will relocate to

Shanghai in the first quarter of 2012. By end of 2012 more than 40 % of all Textile senior management positions will be based at Oerlikon's new office in Shanghai.

Clement Woon will be Oerlikon's first Segment CEO based in Asia. The position of Oerlikon Group COO will be eliminated.

Profile of Clement Woon

Clement Woon (52, Singaporean) is an internationally experienced Executive. He has held leadership positions at, inter alia, Thomson Consumer Electronics and the Leica



Clement Woon, CEO Oerlikon Textile

Group. In his previous position, Clement Woon served from 2008 to 2011 as President and CEO of SATS Ltd., Singapore, an airline catering and ground handling service provider with sales of CHF 1.2 billion. In this function he led the expansion of the company into the non-aviation sector, diversifying the portfolio and paving the way for sustainable development.

As the President of Geosystems Division of Leica Geosystems AG, a multinational corporation based in Switzerland, Clement Woon led the transformation of the company's value chain to deliver cost effective high technology solutions for the Surveying industry. ♦

OBITUARY: Mian Muhammad Tasneem

Chenab Group announces with deep sorrow and grief the sad demise of Mian Muhammad Tasneem. He was brother-in-law of Mian Muhammad Latif, Chairman, Chenab Group, Faisalabad. Mian Tasneem passed away on 22nd December, 2011 and the prayers were held at Chenab Ginning Mill, Shorkot Road, Toba Teik Sing, Punjab, Pakistan.

Pakistan Textile Journal expresses its condolences and pray that Almighty Allah bless the departed soul with eternal peace and grant fortitude to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. ♦