

Evonik announces new Head of Corporate Communications

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With effect from 1 May 2016, Christian Schmid will take over responsibility for Corporate Communications of the specialty chemicals company Evonik Industries. The 45 year old lawyer is already responsible for the political communication.

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Matthias Ruch formerly head of the department for International Industrial and Economic Policy will take over leadership of External Communications in Christian Schmid's division. The 41 year old former economic journalist will at the same time take over the role of press officer.

Norbert Neß (44), who has been responsible for political communication in the Berlin office since the beginning of 2015, will now also be responsible for International Politics in the division of Christian Schmid.

Rüdiger Oppers, former head of Corporate Communications, will leave the company at his own request on 30 April 2016.

Company information

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2015 more than 33,500 employees generated sales of around €13.5 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.47 billion.

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