

Change of Management in Evonik's Health & Nutrition Business Unit

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- Dr. Ritzert new head of the Exclusive Synthesis & Amino Acids Business Line
- Dr. Eul new head of the Catalysts Business Line
- Dr. Hanko will leave the company

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Dr. Hans-Josef Ritzert, head of Evonik Industries AG's Catalysts Business Line, will take over management of the Exclusive Synthesis & Amino Acids Business Line effective April 1, 2009. His predecessor, **Dr. Rudolf Hanko**, will leave the company on May 1, 2009, to assume the position of CEO at Siegfried Holding, Zofingen, Switzerland, immediately.

To become acquainted with his new function, Dr. Ritzert will hand over management of the Catalysts Business Line to **Dr. Wilfried Eul** as early as April 1. Eul was responsible for managing Rexim's business for Pharmaceutical Amino Acids and headed the Asia Region for Exclusive Synthesis & Amino Acids.

Until further notice, Dr. Ritzert will perform Dr. Eul's job as head of Rexim and regional president.

Dr. Reiner Beste, head of the Health & Nutrition Business Unit, thanks Dr. Hanko for his successful managerial work during the reorganization of Evonik's Exclusive Synthesis & Amino Acids Business Line. "Using his outstanding expertise, Dr. Hanko decisively shaped the success of the business unit over the last few years. We regret his departure from Evonik and wish him all the best for his future as well as lot of success at his new job."

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