

Personnel changes at Evonik: Dr Hans-Josef Ritzert to head the Greater China Region and Dr Jean-Luc Herbeaux the new Health Care Business Line

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- Dr Hans-Josef Ritzert takes over as head of the Greater China Region
- Dr Jean-Luc Herbeaux heads the new Health Care Business Line

Dr. Hans Josef Ritzert, who has headed the Exclusive Synthesis & Pharma Amino Acids Business Line since 2009 and was previously head of the Catalysts Business Line, takes up the position Regional President Greater China of Evonik Industries as of September 1, 2011. In his new function, Ritzert will be responsible for the Evonik business in the strategically important Greater China Region. Evonik has about 3500 employees in the Region and a turnover exceeding €1.0 billion in 2010. Ritzert, who holds a doctorate in chemistry, takes over the position from Dr. Dahai Yu, who was appointed to the Executive Board of Evonik Industries in April 2011.

Dr. Jean-Luc Herbeaux will head the newly formed Health Care Business Line. Herbeaux, who has been heading the Pharma Polymers Business Line of Evonik since the beginning of 2009, joined Evonik Industries (then Degussa) in 2000. A native of France, Herbeaux studied in France and the USA and spent 8 years of his life in Asia, teaching and doing business.

Company information

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