

## **Dr. Hans-Josef Ritzert appointed as Regional President Greater China of Evonik Industries**

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Dr. Hans-Josef Ritzert has been appointed as Regional President Greater China of Evonik Industries effective September 1, 2011. He succeeds Dr. Dahai Yu, who has moved to the Executive Board of Evonik Industries AG in April, 2011, with responsibility for the “Specialty Materials” segment and company’s business development in Asia.

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“I am convinced that Dr. Ritzert, with broad experience, will be able to contribute to the business development of Evonik in the Greater China region. I wish him every success in his function on Evonik’s Regional President Greater China”, says Dr. Yu.

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Dr. Hans-Josef Ritzert joined the former Degussa AG in 1990 as a polymer chemist. After holding various technical and commercial positions in the field of methacrylate chemistry, he was chosen to manage the Binders & Additives Business Line of Röhm GmbH in Darmstadt in 1999. Dr. Ritzert was head of the Catalysts Business Line from 2005 to 2009. Since 2009, he has been responsible for the Exclusive Synthesis & Amino Acids Business Line in the Health & Nutrition Business Unit.

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Evonik is the creative industrial group from Germany. In our core business of specialty chemicals, we are a global leader. In addition, it has energy and residential real estate operations. Our performance is shaped by creativity, specialization, reliability and continuous self-renewal. Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2010 more than 34,000 employees generated sales of around €13.3 billion and an operating profit (EBIDA) of about €2.4 billion.

Evonik Industries has been producing specialty chemical products in China since the early 1990’s; with wide-ranging trading relations already in place prior to this. The Group now has a total of 18 companies and 15 production sites in the region. Evonik regards China as one of the driving forces of the global economy, and we consequently intend to increase our business in Greater China.

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