

Press Release

Change in the Supervisory Board of ALTANA AG

Dr. Klaus-Jürgen Schmieder takes over the chairmanship

Wesel, July 2, 2012 – The new Supervisory Board of the specialty chemicals Group ALTANA AG has constituted itself subsequent to the Annual General Meeting, with Dr. Klaus-Jürgen Schmieder being elected as its new Chairman. Dr. Schmieder, a former Management Board member of L'Air Liquide S.A., had previously served as chair of ALTANA AG's Audit Committee and has been a member of the company's Supervisory Board since 2001. Dr. Monika Engel-Bader, President of Chemetall until 2011, Dr. Lothar Steinebach, a member of the Management Board of Henkel until the end of June 2012, and Dr. Antonio Trius, CEO of Cognis until 2010, were newly elected to the Supervisory Board. Ulrich Gajewiak and Susanne Klatten remain deputy chairpersons of the Supervisory Board. Dr. Lothar Steinebach was elected as new Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Dr. Fritz Fröhlich, the previous Chairman of the Supervisory Board, as well as Dr. Helmut Eschwey and Dr. Carl Voigt retired from the Supervisory Board upon the expiry of their term of office. The Supervisory Board and the Management Board would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the leaving members of the Supervisory Board for their successful work and excellent support and dedication over the past years, in particular during the realignment of the ALTANA Group into a pure specialty chemicals company.

"With the new members of ALTANA AG's Supervisory Board, we have again attracted outstanding personalities, both on a professional and personal level," said Dr. Matthias L. Wolfgruber, CEO of ALTANA AG. "In its new composition, too, the Supervisory Board will constructively accompany and support ALTANA's growth- and value-oriented course."

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About ALTANA:

ALTANA develops and produces high-quality, innovative products in the specialty chemicals business. The ALTANA Group, with headquarters in Wesel/Germany, is a genuine "global player" with about 85% of its sales generated by international activities. The ALTANA Group has four divisions: **BYK** Additives & Instruments, **ECKART** Effect Pigments, **ELANTAS** Electrical Insulation, and **ACTEGA** Coatings & Sealants. All of these divisions occupy a leading position in their target markets with respect to quality, product solution expertise, innovation and service.

ALTANA offers innovative, environmentally compatible solutions with the matching specialty products for coating manufactures, paint and plastics processors, the printing and cosmetic industries, and the electrical and electronics industry. The product range includes additives, special coatings and adhesives, effect pigments, sealants and compounds, impregnating resins and varnishes, and testing and measuring instruments.

At present, the ALTANA Group has 41 production facilities and more than 50 service and research laboratories worldwide. Throughout the group over 5,300 people work to ensure the success of ALTANA worldwide. In 2011, ALTANA achieved sales of more than 1.6 billion euros. Its impressive earning power and high growth rate make ALTANA one of the most successful and innovative chemical groups worldwide.

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