

News Release



Personnel changes at BASF

On April 1, 2017, Hartwig Michels (53), President, Regional Division Europe, Ludwigshafen, will take over as President, **Petrochemicals**, Ludwigshafen. He succeeds Dr. Rainer Diercks (60), who will retire effective March 31, 2017.

Dr. Markus Kramer (52), President, Dispersions & Pigments, BASF East Asia Regional Headquarters Ltd., Hong Kong, will succeed Michels effective April 1, 2017, as President, **Regional Division Europe**, Ludwigshafen.

Gops Pillay (48), President, Regional Division South & East Asia, BASF East Asia Regional Headquarters Ltd., Hong Kong, will take over as President **Dispersions & Pigments**, Hong Kong, effective March 1, 2017.

Dr. Andrea Frenzel (46), Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning, Ludwigshafen, will succeed Pillay effective March 1, 2017, as President, **Regional Division South & East Asia**, Hong Kong.

Dr. Melanie Maas-Brunner (48), Senior Vice President, Performance Materials Europe, Ludwigshafen, will take over as President **Nutrition & Health**, Lampertheim, Germany, effective April 1, 2017. She succeeds Saori Dubourg (45), who the Supervisory Board of BASF SE today (December 15, 2016) appointed to the Board of Executive Directors effective May 13, 2017.

Dirk Bremm (43), Senior Vice President, Construction Chemicals Americas, Beachwood/Ohio, takes over as President **Coatings**, Münster, Germany, effective April 1, 2017. The current head of the

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division, Dr. Markus Kamieth (46), was today (December 15, 2016) appointed to the Board of Executive Directors effective May 13, 2017, by the Supervisory Board of BASF SE.

Note to editors:

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