

Press information

Meraxis: Hanns-Peter Ohl is a New Member of the Board of Directors

Muri b. Bern/Switzerland, July 10, 2020 – On July 1, Dr. Hanns-Peter Ohl was elected by the shareholders' meeting as a new member of the Board of Directors of the global polymer distributor Meraxis. The experienced manager will be the third member of the Board of Directors and will primarily support the strategic development of Meraxis as a one-stop shop.

"I am particularly pleased to accompany a young business that has emerged from two traditional companies," Dr. Ohl points out. "Here, sound know-how and fresh ideas come together. As a result, Meraxis has established itself as an all-round provider within a very short time, combining global access to raw material sources with intelligent logistics concepts and years of experience in engineering". Meraxis entered the polymer market just one year ago, in July 2019. The international trading group was created from a merger of the two global Swiss companies MB Barter & Trading and REHAU GmbH, the latter being responsible for global production material procurement for the REHAU Group.

In his new function on the Board of Directors, Dr. Ohl will primarily contribute to the strategic development of Meraxis as a one-stop shop, offering customers complete solutions from a single source in long-term partnerships. Meraxis already has an extensive portfolio of polymers and compounds for prime and recycled materials, which is being continuously expanded. In addition, the investment goods division is to be further enlarged in the future. Meraxis already offers solutions for various polymer processing technologies. Dr. Ohl will contribute his many years of international experience as Managing Director and executive board member in mechanical engineering plus measurement and control technology to this expansion. With a doctorate in industrial engineering, Dr. Ohl was most recently Managing Director of Erich NETZSCH GmbH & Co. Holding KG with headquarters in Selb (Germany) and 210 other locations worldwide. Among other things, he accompanied the generational change in the family company's circle of shareholders.

In addition to the new member, the Meraxis AG Board of Directors also includes Thomas Endres (Vice President), a founding member of the former MB Barter & Trading, who supports the growth area of "Performance Materials" with his many years of petrochemical expertise and network of contacts. The President of the Board of Directors is the internationally experienced family entrepreneur Jobst Wagner, who, with his relevant experience in the polymer industry has, together with the Board of Directors and the Executive Board, overall responsibility for the strategic development of the company. The Meraxis Executive Board is headed by Dr. Stefan Girschik (CEO), Philipp Endres (Deputy CEO) and Marco Zahnd (CFO).

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About the Meraxis Group

With a sales of over EUR 2 billion, Meraxis is one of the leading international distributors of polymer-related solutions. The Swiss trading group offers their customers tailor-made solutions for each requirement in the polymer value chain thanks to their worldwide logistics network and access to global polymer markets. The full-service provider combines many years of experience in global trading and the development and processing of polymers as well as sound material and product knowledge of the polymer converting industry. Meraxis supplies companies from all industrial sectors – from the automotive and construction industries to packaging companies.

The product portfolio of the company, located in Muri bei Bern (CH), includes classic polymers (PE, PP, PET, PVC), engineered and hightemperature thermoplastics, masterbatches, additives plasticizers, coating and printing inks and recycled materials. Trade parts and components (e.g. metail, foils, electrical) as well as machines, systems, and tools for various plastic processing technologies, all accompanied by service and consulting related to the required product properties round up the portfolio.

The polymer distributor is committed to driving the continued development of sustainable and innovative polymer-related solutions. With its unique one-stop-shop approach, Meraxis adds customer value by offering complete solutions for prime materials, recyclates, recycling compounds, and digital supply chain services.

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