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Evonik names new Customer Relations Director for Europe, Middle East and Africa

DARMSTADT, GERMANY --- Evonik's Oil Additives business has announced that effective March 1, 2016, Thilo Krapfl will take over the role of Customer Relations Director – Europe, Middle East and Africa.

From his base in Darmstadt, Germany, Thilo Krapfl will lead the direct sales activities in the region, as well as technical service and OEM relations. He will also be responsible for identifying the market's needs and requirements and implementing measures to drive growth in the region.

Thilo Krapfl holds a master's degree in chemical engineering from the Technical University Erlangen, Germany. He began his career with Evonik in 2004 when he joined the Degussa Engineering Department in Hanau, working on several large scale projects. Between 2006 and 2008, Thilo was an integral member of the team responsible for construction and start-up of Oil Additives' Singapore plant, now its largest plant worldwide. He then became a technical service manager in Darmstadt, supporting several key accounts.

In 2011, Krapfl returned to Singapore as plant manager of the Singapore plant, where he provided oversight to the successful expansion of the plant, resulting in a doubling of capacity. Last year, he returned to Darmstadt to assume the role of global sales process manager.

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About Evonik's Resource Efficiency Segment

The Resource Efficiency segment, of which Oil Additives is a key business, brings together Evonik's activities in specialty chemicals for industrial applications. The Resource Efficiency segment supplies high performance materials for environmentally friendly as well as energy-efficient systems to the automotive, paints & coatings, adhesives, construction, and many other industries. This segment employed about 8,600 employees, and generated sales of around €4.2 billion in 2015.

As a leading provider of oil additives, Evonik develops technologies to improve fuel and energy efficiency, as well as productivity, with its DRIVON™ and NUFLUX™ technologies in engine oils, driveline fluids and gear oils. Industrial and off-highway equipment achieve fuel and energy savings with DYNAVIS® technology for hydraulic fluids. Other specialty products from the Oil Additives business include high performance additives for fuels and refinery products.

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About Evonik

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals, operating in the Resource Efficiency, Performance Materials and Nutrition & Care segments. The company benefits from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms. In 2015 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €13.5 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.47 billion.

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