

**NEWS RELEASE:**

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**Evonik Announces New Engine Oil Lab Manager**

DARMSTADT, Germany --- Oil Additives at Evonik has announced that Dr. Katrin Schoeller assumed the position of Engine Oil Lab Manager in Darmstadt Product Development, effective August 1. In her new position, she will lead Evonik's ongoing efforts to develop new product technology for formulating next generation engine oils.

Previously, Dr. Schoeller worked for the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology (Empa) as a project leader for joint research projects and various other assignments in cooperation with industry partners. Dr. Schoeller joined Empa in 2012 as the "Marie-Curie Fellow," working to develop new stimuli-responsive polymeric materials.

Dr. Schoeller received her Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Max Planck-Institute for Polymer Research in 2012. Her thesis focused on the synthesis of polymer single-chain particles and inorganic/organic hybrid nanocapsules using miniemulsions. She earned her master's degree in chemistry from University of Ulm in Germany, focusing on polymer chemistry.

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The Oil Additives team at Evonik has taken a leadership role in developing lubricant additive technology designed to improve fuel efficiency and productivity. Energy-saving results have been

demonstrated with VISCOPLEX® Viscosity Index Improvers (VIIs) in engine oils, driveline fluids and gear oils. Industrial and off-highway equipment field tests have also recorded up to double-digit improvements in fuel savings with DYNAVIS® technology for hydraulic fluids, reducing operating costs as well as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Evonik's VISCOBASE® technology offers an ideal balance between a very shear-stable VII and a synthetic base fluid, providing excellent solvency in automotive gear oil formulations such as heavy duty axle oils and manual transmission fluids. In all of its many applications, the Oil Additives team at Evonik strives for Resource Efficiency.

The Oil Additives business line of Evonik Industries also specializes in high-performance additives and technologies for fuels and refinery products. Evonik's VISCOPLEX® Cold Flow Improvers (CFIs) provide outstanding flow properties for biofuels in any region or season. VISCOPLEX® dewaxing aids (DWAs) are designed for refinery solvent dewaxing processes that involve differing lube oil viscosity grades, especially bright stocks.

Advanced regional technology centers, modern global manufacturing centers, and a secure and reliable supply chain worldwide enable Evonik's continuous development of customized solutions for customers anywhere on earth.

### **Company information**

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