

## **Change in management - Dr. Frank Naumann is the new CEO of the CHT/BEZEMA Group**

*January 7, 2015:* As of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, Dr. Frank Naumann is the new CEO of the RB Beitlich Industriebeteiligungen GmbH (RBI) and is thus responsible for the entire CHT/BEZEMA Group. Together with Jan Siebert (CFO) and Dr. Bernhard Hettich (COO) they form the management.

Dr. Frank Naumann is the successor of Erich Mechel, who has now become a member of the Beitlich Family Foundation, the supervisory board of the company.

Dr. Frank Naumann joined the CHT/BEZEMA Group on October 1, 2014 and is responsible as Managing Director for the entire Group for R&D, Marketing and Sales.

Until 2012, Dr. Naumann, a chemist with a Ph.D., worked for Henkel KGaG in global management positions within Research, Marketing and Sales. Until mid 2014, Dr. Naumann worked as Managing Director for Neste Oil located in Geneva, Switzerland and was responsible for the worldwide sales of renewable fuels.

He has big plans for the CHT/BEZEMA Group. The successful and profitable company for special chemicals shall continue to grow beyond the nearly 400 million EUR which have already been achieved. Dr. Naumann's words: "In order to achieve this we have to concentrate on what we can do well: Implementation of innovative ideas in special applications which support our customers to ensure their success and to contribute to a sustainable development. Customer proximity as well as the outstanding quality of products and services make the difference on the market."

Important company principles for the CHT/BEZEMA Group are a value-based management, a high innovative strength and continual commitment.

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Since the establishment of CHT R. Beitlich GmbH in Tübingen more than 60 years ago, the CHT/BEZEMA Group has developed into a worldwide company group focusing on special chemicals used as auxiliaries and additives as well for functionalization within industrial processes.

With over 1,700 employees employed by 20 companies, we are very close to our customers on every market. Together with our representatives we provide our customers with our products and services in over 60 countries on every continent.

Then as now, the head office and the centres of competence of different business fields are located in the university town of Tübingen. The range of dyes is provided by the sister company BEZEMA AG in Montlingen (Switzerland). The corresponding competence centre is also located there.

By combining the strengths of the entire group we continuously develop innovative products, applications and processes. Highly qualified professionals work at state-of-the-art laboratories in development, analysis and application technology to develop new ideas and solutions to meet the most modern requirements.

Our products help improve the quality, functionality and performance of textiles, construction materials, dyes, paint & coatings, paper and pet food, but also cleaning and care products for different fields of application.

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