

New Management in business area Gurit Composite Technologies

Wattwil, September 16, 2005. Gurit-Heberlein has decided to restructure the executive management of its advanced composite business. With effect from October 1, 2005, Jouni Heinonen will become CEO of the international composite business, which is part of today's Industrial Application Division.

Paul J. Rudling and Martin Lütshg, who served as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Gurit Composite Technologies operations, have stepped down from their respective executive functions. Martin Lütshg is leaving the Group. Paul Rudling will continue to serve as member of the Board of Directors of Gurit-Heberlein AG until the Annual General Meeting scheduled for April 2006, but will not be available for re-election.

Jouni Heinonen, a Finnish citizen born in 1960, joined Nokia-Maillefer S.A., Ecublens/Lausanne in 1989 and served this company in several management positions, including his role as Managing Director from 1996 to 1999. Simultaneously, Heinonen also served as Managing Director of Nextrom PSA, Milano/Italy, from 1998 to 1999. In 1998 Nokia-Maillefer S.A. changed its name to Nextrom S.A., Ecublens. Heinonen then served Nextrom as CEO from 1999 to 2005. After graduating in mechanical engineering, Heinonen started his professional career as Product Manager with Falcon Chemicals, then as Product Development Manager with Power Cable Machinery, Nokia-Maillefer OY, both in Finland.

About Gurit-Heberlein Gurit-Heberlein specializes in Chemical and Synthetics Technology. The Group's two existing Divisions *Industrial Applications* and *Health Care* are to be made financially independent of each other in Spring 2006, retroactive to 1.1.2006, and will continue to be run as two public companies. In *Industrial Applications*, Gurit Composite Technologies is one of the world's leading suppliers of advanced composite material to the wind energy, aircraft and aerospace, marine and automotive industries as well as for civil engineering applications. Gurit Fiber Technology's key components set world-wide standards in the complex manufacturing process of synthetic fibers. The *Health Care* business addresses two market segments: the main activities of Gurit Dental Care include impression and filling materials, as well as a wide range of supplementary products for dentists and dental laboratories. Under clean-room conditions, Gurit Medical Business manufactures a wide range of disposable OEM products for medical and pharmaceutical customers as well as a comprehensive range of airway management products.

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