

CEO Change at the Xella Group Dr. Jochen Fabritius hands over to Christophe Clemente

Duisburg, December 21, 2020: Christophe Clemente has been appointed CEO of Xella Group. In January 2021 he takes over the position from Dr. Jochen Fabritius, who was named CEO of the MBCC Group (the former BASF Construction Chemical business) in October 2020.

"After seven highly exciting and successful years at Xella, leaving will be anything but easy for me. Together with my management team and all employees, we created a company that has a unique position in the market and a huge potential for further profitable growth. I know that with Christophe Clemente the company is in excellent hands," said Dr. Jochen Fabritius.

Christophe Clemente is a French citizen and was born 1967 in Saint-Etienne. He has over 30 years of experience in the chemical industry and has held various international management positions in Europe and the US. Since January 2014, Mr. Clemente has been President of Solvay's Soda Ash & Derivatives global business unit. He began his career at Rhone-Poulenc in 1990 and then worked for Rhodia in roles of increasing responsibility: VP & Finance Director of Rhodia Novecare (2000 to 2002), VP General Manager of Novecare North America (2003 to 2006) and VP General Manager of Novecare Europe (2007 to 2012). Following the 2012 acquisition of Rhodia by Solvay, Christophe Clemente became part of the Integration Management Office. In January 2013, he was appointed Head of Strategy for the Basic Chemicals business.

"I am very much looking forward to the task at Xella and I am impressed what the team has achieved in the past years. Since business can only be as good as the people behind it, I feel it is both a privilege and a motivation to be part of the next chapter of this success story," says Christophe Clemente.

The Xella Board is pleased to announce: "We welcome Christophe and are confident that his drive as well as deep management and international experience will provide for a seamless transition and will contribute to the Xella Group's continued development for years to come. The Board also thanks Jochen Fabritius for his outstanding leadership and wishes him continued success in his new role."

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Portrait Christophe Clemente

