

Michael Schleiss, the head of the Greiner Foam Division, is to retire

A native of Vienna, Michael Schleiss joined Greiner in 2002, since when in a number of differing managerial posts, he has made an important contribution to the success of the globally active group. The beginning of this July will now see his retirement from operational business life.

Kremsmünster, 16 June 2020. Michael Schleiss (61) began his professional career as a civil engineer and initially gathered international plant building experience in Libya, Norway, Russia and the Arab Emirates. He was then based in Saudi Arabia, where he served an Austrian water technology company as the resident representative for the Gulf States, before subsequently becoming its head of export sales. In 1990, Michael Schleiss was appointed the CEO of a fast-growing capital goods sales company, which he successfully restructured. Finally in 1997, after almost seventeen years spent abroad, he returned to Austria where he first assumed the management of a leading construction machinery company and afterwards the Eastern European agenda of a large packaging manufacturer.

Michael Schleiss commenced his career at Greiner, as the head of the then Vinotec Division and over time became the only manager in the group's 150-year history to manage several divisions. Amongst the major milestones of his activities was the successful reorientation of Greiner Perfoam in 2004 and later, the fundamental change in direction of the Greiner Extrusion Group. Since 2016, he has headed Greiner Foam International, the management of which will be assumed by his successor, Oliver Bruns (38), at the beginning of July. Michael Schleiss plans to remain in touch with industry in future through a role as a consultant and supervisory board member.

As Axel Kühner, the Greiner AG CEO, explains; "With his thoroughness, multifaceted competences, managerial strengths and not least, his passion, Michael Schleiss has constantly played a significant role in the successful development of our group. On behalf of the Management Board, I would like to thank him most sincerely for his endeavors and achievements and wish him all the very best for the new chapter of his life."

Michael Schleiss, "For my part, I would like to express my gratitude to all the colleagues in the Greiner Foam Division and throughout the group for the excellent cooperation over many years. The management of a company can only be as good as the team behind it and during my entire time at Greiner, this was a major factor in our success. Moreover, although corona has meant that the final weeks and months of my active professional career have transpired to be somewhat different to how I had imagined them, I am nonetheless looking forward to the imminent entry into a fresh phase of my life. In closing, I would like to wish my successor, Oliver Bruns, good luck and every success for the future."

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The Greiner Group

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Greiner Foam

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