

## New Euratex President Klaus Huneke

Effective from January 2017, Mr Klaus Huneke is the new Euratex President for a two-year term. Mr Huneke who succeeded Mr Sege Piolat said: "Serge Piolat achieved impressive results in strengthening the voice of the European textile and clothing industry. To further enhance our industry my intention is to focus on few strategic priorities such as better communication towards policymakers and stakeholders on the excellence of our innovation and sustainability, enhancing EU competitiveness and greater participation of companies in innovation."

Klaus Huneke has an extensive international experience in the textile industry. He made a remarkable career at Heimbach, a large technical textiles producer in Germany. Having started his path as an engineer in the petrochemical



Mr. Klaus Huneke, EURATEX President for the years 2017-2018.

industry, in the '90s he joined Heimbach where he was a CEO until his retirement. Mr Huneke has been engaged in numerous actions aimed to advance German industry, especially been the Vice-president of the German textile employer's association since April 2000. Klaus Huneke has also been actively involved in the

representation of textile and clothing industry at the European level, acting as a Board Member since 2013 and Vice-President Treasurer of EURATEX since 2015.

The EU textile and apparel companies produce top quality products and innovative goods thanks to their advanced know-how and the respect of the EU stringent sustainability rules. This is recognised by the growing share of exports outside of the EU-28 markets.◆

## New representative for SSM in Pakistan

SSM Schärer Schweiter Mettler AG, Horgen (Switzerland) has made an agreement with the company MAKVIZ International to represent the SSM and SSM GIUDICI products for the entire Pakistan market.

SSM is convinced that they found with MAKVIZ the best partner, to be able to provide full service to their customers in Pakistan. This decision will enable SSM to near to its customers in Pakistan and serve them even faster.

MAKVIZ can be contacted at their Lahore office: 46-J3 Phase-1, Wapda Town, Lahore. Phone +92 42 354 561 37, Mr Zaman Akbar Khan or at their Karachi office: C-42, Block 9, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi. Phone +92 301 826 55 62. Mr Farrukh Sharif.

SSM will also participate at the upcoming IGATEX exhibition in Pakistan, which will be held during April 26th - 29th at Karachi Expo Centre. The agents can be contacted at Hall No. 4 / Booth A402. ◆

## Geoffery Merszei nominated as a new independent member of Oerlikon's Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Oerlikon Group is proposing Mr. Merszei as a new independent member of the Board for election at Oerlikon's upcoming Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (AGM) on April 11, 2017 in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Geoffery Merszei (1951, Canadian citizen) is Chairman and Chief Executive of Zolenz AG, an investment and advisory firm based in Zug, Switzerland. He brings with him over 40 years of experience in corporate governance and finance. For over 30 years, Mr. Merszei served in a number of senior management positions at The Dow Chemical Company, the last being Executive Vice President (EVP) of The Dow Chemical Company, President of Dow EMEA and Chairman of Dow Europe before retiring in 2013. From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Merszei left Dow to be the EVP and CFO of Alcan Inc., and returned to Dow in 2005 as EVP, CFO and a member of the Board of Directors of The Dow Chemical Company. Mr. Merszei also previously served as a Board member of the Chemical Financial

Corporation and Chemical Bank and the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves on the Board of ICL Chemicals Ltd. Mr. Merszei holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Albion College, Michigan, USA.

Prof. Dr. Michael Süss, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Oerlikon, said: "On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce Geoffery Merszei as the new nominee to the Board. His extensive industrial know-how and years of experience at Dow and serving on numerous Boards makes him a valuable addition to the Board of Oerlikon."

All members currently serving on the Board of Oerlikon will be standing for re-election at the AGM. As per standard procedure, shareholders will receive by post all the information regarding the agenda and Board Member elections in the shareholders' invitation to the AGM.◆

