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Dr. Michael Weiss is the new Chief Technology Officer at Voith Paper

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- Dr. Michael Weiss succeeds Frank Opletal as Chief Technology Officer and Member of the Management Board of Voith Paper

HEIDENHEIM, GERMANY. Voith Paper appoints Dr. Michael Weiss, most recently Vice President Business & Research, as Chief Technology Officer and member of the Management Board. He started in his new role on February 1, 2022, succeeding Frank Opletal, who is going into well-deserved retirement after 38 years at Voith Paper. In his role, Dr. Michael Weiss reports directly to Andreas Endters, President & CEO of Voith Paper

Since 2006, Dr. Michael Weiss has held various positions in the development of pioneering technologies and innovations at Voith Paper. As VP New Business & Research, he has been in charge of innovation management, the simulation department and the central laboratory at Voith Paper since 2017. As CTO, he will contribute his many years of experience in research and development to drive Voith Paper's innovation strategy around the differentiation criteria of sustainability, efficiency and full-line supplier. The main aim is to find answers to the megatrends of sustainability and digitalization and to make them usable for the paper industry.

“As the technology leader and full-line supplier, Voith Paper has always been a reliable partner for its customers when it comes to breaking new ground. Especially today, the paper industry needs more innovations to make production more efficient and sustainable. With his experience and his visionary view of the possibilities that lie in the sustainable material paper, we are pleased to appoint Michael Weiss to the Voith Paper

Management Board,” says Andreas Endters, President & CEO of Voith Paper.

Dr. Michael Weiss, born in 1970, joined Voith Paper in 2006 as a development engineer. This was followed by various positions in research and development, where he dealt with the topics of process optimization, mathematical simulation, water management and wastewater treatment, among other things. From 2017 he held the position of Vice President New Business & Research. Dr. Weiss studied process engineering at the RWTH Aachen University. He completed his PhD in chemical engineering in 2004 at the University of Oxford, UK, followed by a two-year stay in France as a postdoc in industrial research and development.

About the Voith Group

The Voith Group is a global technology company. With its broad portfolio of systems, products, services and digital applications, Voith sets standards in the markets of energy, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, the company today has around 20,000 employees, sales of € 4.3 billion and locations in over 60 countries worldwide and is thus one of the larger family-owned companies in Europe.

The Group Division Voith Paper is part of the Voith Group. As the full-line supplier to the paper industry, it provides the largest range of technologies, services, and products on the market, and offers paper manufacturers integrated solutions from a single source. The company's continuous stream of innovations facilitates resource-conserving production and helps customers minimize their carbon footprint. With its comprehensive automation products and leading digitalization solutions from the Papermaking 4.0 portfolio, Voith offers its customers state-of-the-art digital technologies to improve plant availability and efficiency for all sections of the production process.



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