

Change at the top for leading exponent of ultrafiltration technology: Bruno Steis becomes CEO of German company inge watertechnologies AG

The Board Member formerly responsible for Business Development and Marketing Bruno Steis, has now replaced Wolfgang K. Distler as the company's CEO, marking the culmination of a gradual process of change that has long been planned by inge watertechnologies AG.

Greifenberg, 18.05.2009 – Bruno Steis, who left Siemens Venture Capital GmbH (SVC) one year ago to join the Executive Board of inge watertechnologies AG, has now taken the helm of the company regarded as the world's leading exponent of ultrafiltration technology. Steis spent nine years at SVC as an investment partner specialising in environmental and water treatment technologies. Prior to joining SVC, the now 51-year-old qualified engineer occupied a number of management positions with an international focus over a 15 year period, primarily in the areas of sales, marketing and business development.

Wolfgang K. Distler, who turns 60 next year, has taken the decision to leave the Executive Board, though he will be continuing to assist inge watertechnologies AG in an advisory capacity.

Bruno Steis comments: "In his four years at the helm of inge watertechnologies AG, Wolfgang K. Distler has skilfully guided the company, together with our Chief Technology Officer Dr. Peter Berg, down a path of continuous growth. With a global reach enhanced by its network of partners, inge has implemented numerous reference products around the globe featuring its home-grown ultrafiltration technology. Just recently, we made investments in our production line in Greifenberg am Ammersee that significantly increased our production capacity. With our reliable and efficient water treatment technology and our superb team of dedicated staff, I feel confident that we can continue to plot the same successful course that Wolfgang K. Distler and Peter Berg have charted for our company."

Wolfgang K. Distler: "Close collaboration and an atmosphere of mutual trust over the past year have enabled us to carefully prepare this change in the Executive Board. Bruno Steis has known this company since 2004, when he managed SVC's investment in inge and accepted a Supervisory Board mandate as part of that process. Since that time, he has played an active part in shaping the development of inge particularly in his role as Chairman of the Supervisory Board. His experience and expertise make him the perfect choice to lead the company towards continued worldwide growth in the future."

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The fields of technology, development and production will continue to be the responsibility of Dr. Peter Berg, the co-founder of inge watertechnologies AG who has held the post of Chief Technology Officer from the beginning. He obtained his doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from Mercator University in Duisburg and is a specialist in water technologies. In addition to his university activities, Peter Berg also spent five years working with the Institute of Water Chemistry and Water Technology (*IWW GmbH*). He developed and perfected the patented Multibore membrane, which has set new standards in ultrafiltration technology thanks to its stability and reliability. In addition, inge has attracted increasing attention over the last few years with innovations such as the so-called T-Rack, a rack design that takes up less space and works more efficiently than conventional pipe systems.

About inge watertechnologies AG

The company inge watertechnologies AG, based in the town of Greifenberg on the Ammersee lake in Bavaria, Germany, employs more than 80 staff and is the world's leading provider of ultrafiltration technology, a membrane process used to treat drinking water, process water, wastewater and sea water. With a global reach enhanced by its network of partners, the company has implemented numerous reference products around the globe featuring its cutting-edge technology. Its range of products include highly-efficient ultrafiltration modules and cost-effective, space-saving rack designs as the core components of water treatment plants, rounded off by superb levels of technical customer support. All the company's products are based on the in-house development of its patented Multibore® membrane technology, providing the top-quality standards for which German-made goods are known. The extremely small-pore filters of the Multibore® membrane reliably intercept not only particles, but also microorganisms such as bacteria and viruses, thereby providing a dependable source of clean water. Deployment of the inge technology also offers significant advantages over conventional water treatment methods, such as rapid and easy installation of the modules and stable, extremely resilient membranes. This makes planning a water treatment plant much simpler while ensuring low-cost installation and operation. And all of this comes with a guarantee of long-lasting reliability.

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