

# POLYURETHANE SECTOR APPOINTMENTS

## NOVO FOR DOW POLYURETHANES

Midland, Michigan – Dow Chemical Co. has appointed Guillermo Novo vice president of Dow Polyurethanes, a global business group that includes Dow's Propylene Oxide, Propylene Glycol, Isocyanates and Polyols businesses.

In this new role, Novo also becomes global business director for Dow Polyols.

Novo joined Dow when the company bought Rohm and Haas in April 2009. He succeeds Pat Dawson, who has been named president of the Asia Pacific and India regions for Dow.



Guillermo Novo

- Frank Hesscke, a trade official with the European Commission, most recently from 2005 to 2006 as head of the European Union delegation to the Middle East
- Philip Khoury, a financial expert and co-founder and managing director of a Turkish asset-management company.

## KATZ NAMED PRESIDENT OF PMA

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin – Michael Katz, president of Molded Dimensions Inc., has been elected president of the US Polyurethane Manufacturers Association.

Katz, a former vice president and secretary/treasurer of the PMA board, will be responsible for providing leadership and direction to board members as well as chairing quar-

terly and annual meetings, the association said.

During his two-year term, Katz hopes to increase the supplier and processor membership, according to the Milwaukee-based PMA. He's also interested in expanding educational outreach to technical schools to give design, processing and engineering students opportunities to learn more about cast polyurethane's benefits and challenges.

## KLEBA TO HEAD RÜHL PUROMER

Friedrichsdorf, Germany – Dr Ingo Kleba has been appointed managing director of polyurethane systems supplier Rühl Puromer GmbH, based in Friedrichsdorf in Germany.

Kleba has many years experience in polyurethanes and in GRP (glass-fibre reinforced plastics) technology – two of Rühl's central activities.

Most recently he worked as a sales director for German polyurethane equipment manufacturing specialist Hennecke GmbH.



Ingo Kleba

## STEPAN APPOINTS IN POLYOLS

Rickmansworth, UK – Stepan Europe has promoted Rob Sewell to be senior technical manager, European Polyol. Sewell will manage all technical service activities to the company's Stepanpol aromatic polyester polyols (APP) customers in Europe, Stepan said.

Andy Bailey has also joined Stepan Europe as Technical Development Manager, European Polyols. Bailey has worked in the polyurethane industry for over 11 years, and will focus on helping customers who want to switch to self-formulated PIR (polyisocyanurate) foam from systems within the rigid-faced panel industry.

## CHEMTURA APPOINTS CROSS

Middlebury, Connecticut – Chemtura Corp. has appointed Chet Cross as executive vice president and group president of its Engineered Products division.

Cross was most recently at Ashland Corp., as vice president of operations for Ashland Hercules Water Technologies, primarily responsible for strategic oversight of the global manufacturing footprint and for the global operations and planning organisations.

## GRIEVE RETIRES FROM YANTAI

Yantai, China – Yantai Wanhua Polyurethanes has announced the retirement of Robin Grieve, following eight years as a consultant on MDI (methylene diphenyl diisocyanate).

Grieve intends to continue his career in the US by concentrating on his growing downstream polyurethane-family interests. (RD)

## RUBBERLITE ADDS DIMITROFF

Huntington, Virginia – Rubberlite Inc., a US-based converter of cellular rubber and foam plastics products, has appointed Michael Dimitroff as director of research and development, a 29 Jan company statement said. Dimitroff previously worked for Momentive Chemical and BASF.

## BAALBAKI ADDS ADVISORY BOARD

Systems house Baalbaki Chemical Industries has a new advisory board of international experts.

Head of this new group is Hans-Joachim Kogelnick, whose career includes running Bayer Corp. USA's PU business. He is supported by:

- Robin Grieve, whose 48 years in the PU industry spanned Upjohn Polymer, Dow Chemical Co. and Olin Chemical.