Press Release

New Chief Executive Officer of ASK Chemicals

Hilden, July 21, 2014 - ASK Chemicals is pleased to announce the appointment of Frank Coenen as its Chief Executive Officer, succeeding Stefan Sommer in the role. Mr. Coenen most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of Tessenderlo Group, a global, Belgian-listed specialty chemicals group.

ASK Chemicals also extends its appreciation to outgoing Chief Executive Officer Stefan Sommer for his leadership over the past four years. Mr. Sommer led many important accomplishments in that period, from the creation of ASK Chemicals as an independent business in 2010 to its successful sale to Rhône.

About ASK Chemicals

ASK Chemicals is one of the world's largest suppliers of foundry chemicals, with a comprehensive product and service portfolio of binders, coatings, feeders, filters and release agents as well as metallurgical products including inoculants, Mg-treatment and inoculation wires, and master alloys for iron casting.

ASK Chemicals is represented in 25 countries with 30 sites, 20 of which operate their own production, and employs approx. 1,700 people worldwide. With research and development in Europe, America and Asia, ASK Chemicals sees itself as the driving force behind industry-specific innovations and is committed to offering customers a consistently high level of quality. Flexibility, quickness, quality and sustainability as well as cost-effective products and services are of key importance.

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