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Christoph Wachter is taking over as director of the Flexible Packaging Paper division at Koehler Paper with immediate effect

Oberkirch, Germany, 02/04/2022 – Christoph Wachter took over as director of the Flexible Packaging Paper division at Koehler Paper in January 2022. He succeeds Eckhard Kallies, who has had great success in positioning, developing, and implementing a long-term strategy for this new business unit as part of a three-year mandate.

Having invested over 300 million euros into the new production line 8 at its Kehl production facility, Koehler Paper entered the flexible packaging growth market in 2019. With Koehler NexPlus®, Koehler is now meeting the rapidly growing demand for sustainable packaging solutions. Koehler NexPlus® is a range of barrier-coated paper with a wide range of applications. These include, in particular, barriers to odors, grease, mineral oils, water vapor, and also gases.

Christoph Wachter is taking over the division at Koehler Paper during a period of strong growth. He comes from Tyrol in Austria, is married, and has two grown-up children. The 58-year-old studied business administration and brings with him 30 years of experience in specialty paper in the paper industry, where his roles have included working as a CEO with international responsibility.

Further growth for flexible packaging paper from Koehler Paper

A wide range of customers, such as Ritter Sport and Südzucker, have opted for packaging paper from Koehler Paper since it entered the market. Kai Furler, CEO of the Koehler Group, emphasized: “We see huge growth ahead of us in the Flexible Packaging Paper division and are delighted that Christoph Wachter will now be able to contribute his experience as head of the division.” After successfully entering the European market with strategic customer projects, we are now also focusing on the Asian and the American markets. Christoph Wachter is focused on the future: “The expertise we have in the company thanks to our employees, combined with the “state of the art” production facility makes Koehler unique. The spirit of active entrepreneurship is evident throughout the business, which makes us a leading provider in the flexible packaging sector.”

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More about the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run to this day. The Group's core area of business is the development and production of high-quality, specialty paper, including thermal paper, playing card board, drink coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and, since 2019, innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry, too. In Germany, the Koehler Group, with its around 2,500 employees, has five production sites, as well as three more in the USA. The Group operates on an international level, with an export ratio of 70% in 2020 and annual revenue of about 800 million euro.

As an energy-intensive enterprise, Koehler invests with its unit Koehler Renewable Energy in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydroelectric power, photovoltaics, and biomass. The Koehler Group has committed itself to producing more energy from renewable sources than is needed for paper production by 2030.

With the business unit Koehler Innovative Solutions, Koehler is also developing new business areas that are outside its core business of specialty paper production and energy generation.

More information is available here: <https://www.koehler.com>

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