

Press Release

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Appointment: Kristiaan Van Severen joins KEMAT

Brussels, Belgium – 1 May 2018. The team at KEMAT welcomes Kristiaan Van Severen, who joins the company in the role of Product Manager Polyisobutylenes. This is a new position.

Kris has joined KEMAT after working for Caldic Belgium for 27 years in the roles of: Product Manager then Business Manager, Speciality Chemicals; Product Manager Polyisobutylenes; Benelux Business Manager Coatings, Adhesives, Sealants and Construction.

During his time with Caldic, he excelled in business management as well as business development especially within the distribution service. He was a technically skilled key player in the business team. In addition, he launched and developed the polyisobutylene distribution business for the European region, including repacking operations, sales and marketing, technical service, purchasing and inventory management and logistics. He was responsible for leading a team of product managers and a customer service operation with a focus on technical sales of a wide portfolio of speciality chemicals.

He studied at the University of Antwerp, and in 1989 was awarded a Master in Chemistry.

Kris's hobbies are: Cooking, Astronomy and Travelling.

Kris commented "I was immediately charmed by the vibrant atmosphere at KEMAT, a reliable company having a very good market reputation and playing a prominent role in the world of polyisobutylenes. I really look forward to being a part of the ambitious plans laid out by the KEMAT management."

KEMAT's international B2B team is diverse and covers a broad range of expertise, from physics to chemistry, engineering to pharmaceutical science, management and logistics, all at a specialist level.

Simon Mason, Managing Director has used his strong background in corporate management and commercial optimisation to grow KEMAT and take it to the next level: 2.0.

Simon said "During recent years, our experienced team has been extended with talented people from commercial and technical backgrounds. We needed to strengthen our team with someone who is technically skilled in polyisobutylenes. Kris's in-depth knowledge of coatings, adhesives, sealants and construction, together with his expertise for distribution and logistics, make him the ideal candidate for this role. I am delighted that Kris has joined us and I look forward to working with him."

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