

## Kemira Oyj's President and CEO will change on May 1, 2014

Kemira's President and CEO Wolfgang Büchele announced today that he will resign from his current position as Kemira's President and CEO to become the CEO of Linde AG. Linde, a German gases and engineering company, had revenue of EUR 15,280 million and 61,965 employees in 2012. It has been agreed that Büchele will continue as Kemira's President and CEO until April 30, 2014.

Kemira Oyj's Chairman of the Board Jukka Viinanen: "While I regret the departure of Wolfgang, I respect his decision to take the position as the CEO of Linde. Wolfgang has brought Kemira extensive and broad industrial knowledge combined with international experience and network. During his period as the President and CEO, Wolfgang successfully started a significant structural change in Kemira to become a profitable water quality and quantity management focused company. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Wolfgang for the valuable work he did as a CEO. With its strong Management Board and experienced Board of Directors, Kemira will continue to implement the started change initiatives and focus to deliver on our strategy."

Kemira Board of Directors has already initiated the search for the new President and CEO.

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**Kemira** is a global chemicals company serving customers in water-intensive industries. We provide expertise and chemicals that improve our customers' water, energy and raw material efficiency. Our focus is on pulp & paper, oil & gas, mining and water treatment. In 2012, Kemira had annual revenue of EUR 2.2 billion and around 4,900 employees. Kemira shares are listed on the NASDAQ OMX Helsinki Ltd.

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