

Press Release

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Helmut Eschwey new Chairman of Almatris

The Supervisory Board of Almatris (DIC Almatris Equityco Coöperatief U.A.) has appointed Helmut Eschwey as its new non-executive Chairman.

Helmut Eschwey brings significant professional and corporate governance experience that augments the Supervisory Board's capability in monitoring and advising the Management Board of Almatris. Membership of the supervisory board includes Sylvain Denis, Simon Edwards, Alan Hyslop, and Maissan Al Maskati.

Until recently Helmut Eschwey was Chairman on the Board of Management of Heraeus Holding GmbH. Currently he is also Member of the Supervisory Board of Altana AG, Member of the Advisory Board of Deutsche Bank AG and Member of the Board of Trustees of the European Business School's Business Ethics Institute. Between 2005 and 2007 Helmut Eschwey served as Director of Novelis Inc., Canada, a spin-off from Alcan. Helmut Eschwey is a German national.

About Almatris

Almatris, operationally headquartered in Frankfurt (Germany), is a global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of premium specialty alumina products. With nearly 1000 employees worldwide, the company's products are used in a wide variety of industries, including steel production, cement production, non-ferrous metal production, plastics, paper, ceramics, carpet manufacturing and electronic industries. Almatris operates nine production facilities worldwide and serves customers around the world. Until 2004, the business was known as the chemical business of Alcoa. Almatris is now owned by Dubai International Capital LLC (DIC), the international investment arm of Dubai Holding.

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