



press release

DMK Group: Changes in the management team

Bremen, 16.01.2023. There are two changes in the management team at Deutsches Milchkontor (DMK). As of 01.01.2023, the DMK Group has added the Information Technology function to the management team in order to focus even more centrally on this area in the future. The new function will be taken over by Markus Blömer (55), previously Global Head of Corporate IT at DMK.

A second change concerns the Supply Chain Management (SCM) area. Hermann Köster (60), currently COO Supply Chain Management, will retire at his own request in spring 2024. Thomas Hermann (54) will take over the function on April 1, 2023. The new manager comes from Danone.

Expanded management team

Digitalisation and modern information technology play an essential role for the DMK Group in connection with its strategic target vision 2030. In this context, the company is expanding the management team to include the function of Chief Information Officer (CIO). *"One of our main projects not only last year but also this year is intensively concerned with the further strategic and operational development of information technology in the company and the dairy locations,"* says CEO Ingo Müller. Accordingly, this function has been added to the management team to reflect the importance of this topic. With Markus Blömer, the previous Global Head of Corporate IT takes over the new responsibility. *"I am pleased about the confidence in my team's work so far. At the same time, the new emphasis of the tasks through the integration into the management team is also a challenge for the entire IT team, which we are happy to accept,"* explains Blömer. The new function reports to CFO Dr. Frank Claassen.

Succession in Supply Chain Management

The previous COO Supply Chain Management Hermann Köster has decided to leave the company in spring 2024. *"It is with one eye laughing and one eye crying that I have decided to leave active professional life behind me,"* said Hermann Köster. *"I look back on a long, great time at DMK. Especially the recent past, marked by crises, supply chain difficulties and pandemic were very demanding - at the same time, a sense of 'WE' emerged, which is becoming more and more apparent as a strength of the company,"* he adds. Hermann Köster will remain with the company in an advisory function until his retirement.

On April 1, 2023, Thomas Hermann will take over the function, reporting to CFO Dr. Frank Claassen. Hermann comes from Danone.

Thomas Hermann has been with Danone since 2008. After holding various management positions in the areas of supply chain and purchasing, he was most recently responsible as Senior Director Logistics Excellence for the management of a global CoE (Centre of Excellence) for the optimisation and transformation of the company-wide logistics structure and strategy.

Dr Frank Claassen, CFO of the DMK Group: *"We are delighted that with Thomas Hermann we have gained a manager for this position who, with his experience, will be able to give us*



and the function significant impulses on the way forward. In this context, my thanks goes to Hermann Köster. Together with the team, he has continuously developed the entire supply chain over the past years. The efficiency of logistics has been impressively demonstrated in the past years with factors such as pandemics or war. I wish him all the very best for his further then private path."

Thomas Hermann on his new task: "I am looking forward to soon becoming part of the team at DMK and to building on the successful work done there in recent years. A functioning supply chain is a basic prerequisite for supplying millions of people with food. This inner drive of DMK is motivation for me to bring my extensive experience to the company and thus contribute to mastering future challenges."

About the DMK Group

Employing around 7,500 workers at more than 20 locations in Germany, the Netherlands and other international hubs, Germany's largest dairy cooperative processes milk into foodstuffs of the highest quality. The product portfolio ranges from cheese, dairy products and ingredients to baby food, ice cream, whey products and vegan products. Brands such as MILRAM, Oldenburger, Uniekaas, Alete bewusst and Humana have earned the trust of consumers at home and abroad, making the company an established player in its home markets and selected target markets around the globe. As one of the largest suppliers to the German food retail industry with a total revenue of 5.5 billion euros, the DMK Group is one of Europe's leading dairy companies.

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