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## **Dr. Helmut Perlet new Chairman of GEA's Supervisory Board**

Düsseldorf, April 20, 2016 – Today, the Annual General Meeting of GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft elected the new shareholder representatives to the Company's Supervisory Board. Ahmad Bastaki, Prof. Dr. Ing. Werner Bauer, Hartmut Eberlein, Dr. Helmut Perlet as well as Jean E. Spence were re-elected for another 5-year term of office. In addition, Dr. Molly P. Zhang, Vice President at ORICA Ltd., USA, was appointed to the Supervisory Board as a new member.

Dr. Jürgen Heraeus, who had held the position of Supervisory Board Chairman since June 3, 2003, did not stand for re-election. At the constitutive meeting of the new Supervisory Board held immediately after the Annual General Meeting, Dr. Helmut Perlet was elected new Chairman of the Supervisory Board. The graduate of business administration ("Diplom-Kaufmann") with a doctoral degree, who also qualified as a chartered tax advisor, has been Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Allianz SE since 2012. Prior to that, Dr. Perlet had been a member of the Board of Management of the insurer for a period of 12 years. Moreover, he is a member of the Supervisory Board of Commerzbank AG.

"On behalf of the Supervisory Board, I would like to thank Dr. Heraeus for his excellent cooperation and his long-standing service to GEA. Relying on his personality and drawing on the wealth of experience he has gained as a renowned businessman, Dr. Heraeus has guided the Group through eventful times while holding the helm of the Supervisory Board. He has contributed greatly to GEA's remarkable transformation into an extremely healthy and successful company", said Dr. Helmut Perlet, the new Chairman of the Supervisory Board of GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft. "At the same time, I am happy to welcome Dr. Zhang as a new Supervisory Board member who will bring to bear her international and operational experience."

On the employees' side, the incumbent members of the Supervisory Board Rainer Gröbel, Michael Kämpfert, Eva-Maria Kerkemeier, Brigitte Krönchen, Kurt-Jürgen Löw and Reinhold Siegers were appointed to the Supervisory Board with effect from the close of this year's Annual General Meeting by virtue of an order issued by the Düsseldorf Local Court on April 4, 2016. These court appointments shall apply until the election of the employee representatives that is expected to take place in September 2016.

Due to these personnel changes, the Group Committees comprise the following individuals as of today:

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## Committees of the Supervisory Board

Committee set up pursuant to s. 27 para. 3  
Codetermination Act (Mediation Committee)

Presiding Committee

Audit Committee

Nomination Committee

## Members

Dr. Helmut Perlet, Chair  
Prof. Dr. Werner Bauer  
Reinhold Siegers\*  
Kurt-Jürgen Löw\*

Dr. Helmut Perlet, Chair  
Ahmad M.A. Bastaki  
Prof. Dr. Werner Bauer  
Reinhold Siegers\*  
Rainer Gröbel\*  
Kurt-Jürgen Löw\*

Hartmut Eberlein, Chair  
Dr. Helmut Perlet  
Kurt-Jürgen Löw\*  
Brigitte Krönchen\*

Dr. Helmut Perlet, Chair  
Ahmad M.A. Bastaki  
Jean Spence

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## **About GEA**

GEA is one of the largest suppliers for the food processing industry and a wide range of process industries that generated consolidated revenues of approximately EUR 4.6 billion in 2015. As an international technology group, the Company focuses on process technology and components for sophisticated production processes in various end-user markets. The Group generates more than 70 percent of its revenue in the food sector that enjoys long-term sustainable growth. As of December 31, 2015, the Company employed around 17,500 people worldwide. GEA is a market and technology leader in its business areas. The Company is listed in Germany's MDAX (G1A, WKN 660 200). In addition, GEA's share is a constituent of the MSCI Global Sustainability Indexes. Further information is available on the Internet at [gea.com](http://gea.com).

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