

## Press Release

### ALTANA: Supervisory Board reappoints Martin Babilas as Member of the Management Board

**Duisburg / Wesel, Germany, May 12, 2009.** Today, after the company's Annual General Meeting in Duisburg, the Supervisory Board of the specialty chemicals Group ALTANA AG has extended the appointment of Martin Babilas (37) as Member of the Management Board. So, with effect from May 3, 2010, Babilas is reappointed as Member of the Management Board for five years. Babilas, who was born in Aachen and studied business administration following a bank traineeship, has been with ALTANA since 1998. In 2006, still under ALTANA's old Group structure, Babilas became a Member of the Management Board of ALTANA Chemie AG, assuming responsibility as Chief Financial Officer. Since May 2007, when ALTANA started concentrating on specialty chemicals, Babilas has worked as CFO together with Dr. Matthias L. Wolfgruber, the CEO of ALTANA AG, on the Management Board of the company.

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#### About ALTANA:

ALTANA develops and produces high-quality innovative products in the specialty chemicals business. The ALTANA Group, with headquarters in Wesel/Germany, is a genuine "global player" with 83% of its sales generated by international activities. The ALTANA Group has four divisions: **BYK** Additives & Instruments, **ECKART** Effect Pigments, **ELANTAS** Electrical Insulation, and **ACTEGA** Coatings & Sealants. All of these divisions occupy a leading position in their target markets with respect to quality, product solution expertise, innovation and service.

ALTANA offers innovative, environmentally compatible solutions with the matching specialty products for coating manufactures, paint and plastic processors, the printing and cosmetic industries, and the electrical and electronic industry. The product range includes additives, special coatings and adhesives, effect pigments, sealants and compounds, impregnating resins & varnishes, and testing and measuring instruments.

At present, the ALTANA Group has 33 production facilities and 46 service and research laboratories worldwide. Throughout the group about 4,700 people work to ensure the success of ALTANA worldwide. In 2008, ALTANA achieved sales of about 1.3 billion euros. Its impressive earning power and high growth rate make ALTANA one of the most successful and innovative chemical groups worldwide.

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