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Appointment of a new CEO at Stahl

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Huub van Beijeren, 51, as the new Chief Executive Officer of Stahl. This appointment concludes an extensive selection. Huub van Beijeren will join Stahl on February 1st, 2007.

Prior to joining Stahl, Huub van Beijeren, was the Director of the Paper and Packaging Division of DS Smith. In this position he managed a €1 billion turnover business with 5,500 employees and 39 factories.

From 1996-2005, he was a Main Board Director at British Vita, a polymer manufacturer, where he held functional responsibility for two of the three divisions - Nonwovens and Cellular Foam - with a total of over €900 million turnover, employing 5,000 people. Prior to that, Huub van Beijeren was the director of four textile factories at Gamma Holding NV from 1986-1996, held various positions at Cargill BV from 1981-1986, and was a company lawyer for the Dutch Employers' Organisation from 1979-1981.

Huub van Beijeren holds an MSc in Company Law from the University of Leiden, and a Bachelors degree in Law from the University of Utrecht.

Huub van Beijeren said: "I am very excited to take this position within Stahl. Stahl offers a unique opportunity to join a world leader in Leather Finish and High Performance Coatings. In partnership with the exceptional professional staff and Board of Directors of Stahl, I look forward to building on Stahl's core strengths and seizing the many growth opportunities ahead of the group".

"Huub van Beijeren's appointment brings valuable skills and experience to Stahl, which are key to further strengthening the Group" said Dirk Jan van Ommeren, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "We look forward to working closely with Huub to capitalize on Stahl's leading position."

The Board would like to thank Peter Beaumont for his tremendous work and dedication as interim CEO. Mr Beaumont, who will remain COO, has done a great job in setting the path for future growth.

About Stahl: Stahl is a customer-focused company that specializes in providing high quality coatings for leather, flexible and non-flexible substrates, textiles and related products. Stahl also produces chemicals and dyes for the processing of leather. Stahl operates 9 manufacturing sites and 26 strategically located technical service laboratory facilities world-wide and employs some 1,400 people in more than 28 countries many of whom are engaged in basic research and development of new products and processes. More than one quarter of them are dedicated technical experts based at application laboratories offering top-level local custom-made service wherever Stahl's customers are located throughout the world.

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