

Press Release

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Clemens Willée elected WCO Chairman



On May 18, 2016, the WCO – Board of Directors unanimously elected Mr. Clemens Willée, as Chairman of the Board.

Clemens Willée, 54, is Chief Executive Officer, Packaging Paper, at the Mondi Europe & International Division. He started his professional career at the BASF Group, where he held various positions, from Manager in staff functions to Group Vice President, including a 3 year assignment in Brazil. Before joining Mondi, he was CEO at Mauser Holding GmbH.

Clemens Willée joined Mondi in 2013 as CEO of the Packaging Paper Business Unit.

He is of German nationality and holds a PhD degree in Business Administration from the University of St. Gallen (CH). He is married and father of five children.

Mr. Willée is succeeding Dermot F. Smurfit/ Powerflute, who took over the Chairmanship – on an interim basis – after Michael Harwood passed away on May 17, 2015.

In his speech Mr. Willée underlined the necessity and importance for the containerboard industry to be represented by a worldwide association and that he is proud to follow Mike Harwood and Dermot Smurfit, who both have contributed a lot to the success of WCO, the World Containerboard Organisation.

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