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## **Change to the Koehler Group Supervisory Board**

- **Fritz Holzhey steps down from the Koehler Group Supervisory Board for age-related reasons**
- **For 11 years, his expertise and experience contributed to the company's development**
- **Dr. Bernd Eikens was elected as the new Supervisory Board member on April 29, 2024**

**Oberkirch/Germany, 04/30/24** – On April 29, 2024, Dr. Bernd Eikens was appointed to the Supervisory Board of Koehler Holding SE & Co. KG as a full member. He is succeeding Fritz Holzhey, whose expertise and experience contributed to the development of the Koehler Group in his 11 years as a Supervisory Board member.

Fritz Holzhey was elected as a full member of the Supervisory Board in June 2013 and helped shape the development of the Koehler Group for 11 years. Wolfgang Furler, Supervisory Board Chairperson at Koehler Holding SE & Co. KG, commented: “Fritz Holzhey was always closely involved in the Group and very highly valued as an excellent adviser, attentive listener and asker of questions, and a man of vision.” Mr. Holzhey’s resignation was officially approved at a Supervisory Board meeting on March 18, 2024. He hoped the Group would understand his decision to step down for age-related reasons. The Supervisory Board and Board of Management thanked Fritz Holzhey for his work, trust, expertise, and conscientious approach.

### **Dr. Bernd Eikens joins the Koehler Group Supervisory Board as a veteran of the industry**

Dr. Bernd Eikens was proposed as a successor to Mr. Holzhey on the Supervisory Board. He was elected unanimously as the new full member of the Board in the general meeting on April 29, 2024. Dr. Eikens will bring his extensive management expertise in the paper industry to the role. He has held various leadership positions at UPM in Germany, the USA, China, and Finland for 18 years. He is currently CEO of the family-run shipbuilding company Meyer Group in Papenburg, where he was previously an Advisory Board member. In addition, Dr. Eikens has been a Supervisory Board member at Johann Bunte Bauunternehmung SE & Co. KG in Papenburg since 2009. He holds a Master’s in Paper Engineering from the Technical University of Darmstadt, a PhD in Chemical Engineering from Colorado State University in the USA, and a Master’s in International Logistics and Supply Chain Strategy from the Georgia Institute of Technology in the USA.

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*Figure: Dr. Bernd Eikens (figure middle) was appointed to the Supervisory Board of the Koehler Group as a full member on April 29, 2024. Fritz Holzhey (third from left) is leaving the supervisory board after 11 years. Source: Koehler Group*

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## About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, beverage coasters, fine paper, carbon-less paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and also innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry since 2019. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 67% in 2022, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.3 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, Koehler is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

Find more information at: <https://www.koehler.com>

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