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**Kautex Maschinenbau Expands Its Management Team in China**

Kautex Maschinenbau has strengthened its international management team. The company recently welcomed the experienced plastics specialist and sales professional Geoffrey Chan (46) and appointed him as the Executive Vice President of its Chinese subsidiary Shunde Kautex Plastics Technology Co., Ltd. at the start of January 2017. Geoffrey Chan boasts more than 25 years of experience in the plastics industry and was most recently responsible for two Chinese locations of the company KHS China as its Managing Director.

**Focusing on the customer**"Kautex Maschinenbau is delighted to welcome yet another highly qualified executive to its team in the form of Geoffrey Chan", states the company CEO Dr. Olaf Weiland. "We have known him for many years as an extremely committed individual and team player. He is the perfect addition to the four members of our current management team in China. Our cooperation with our Chinese customers has developed extremely well in recent years and we have also identified further opportunities for growth." According to Weiland, the expansion of the company's customer services is a particularly important factor: "Kautex Maschinenbau has also taken on the role of the technological and quality leader in the field of extrusion blow molding technology in the Chinese market. Close cooperation with our Chinese customers is the key to securing this role and further expanding our business activities. Strengthening our subsidiaries in Shunde and Shanghai helps us to further develop this cooperation. We are simultaneously working on achieving a closer exchange between the Chinese, German and other members of our international management team in order to consistently orient the further development of our company as a whole toward the needs and requirements of our customers.

**Shunde Kautex extends its range of products and services**Shunde Kautex, located in the Guangdong region in southern China, is a 100% subsidiary of the company Kautex Maschinenbau GmbH and was founded in 1995. It currently employs 130 members of staff. Following on from the presentation of a third-generation machine in the KCC series by Kautex Maschinenbau for the first time at the Chinaplas 2016 trade show, the Shunde factory is now converting its production activities from the second to the third generation of machines. Since 2016, the final assembly and commissioning of machines from the all-electric KBB series has also been made in Shunde for the Chinese and Southeast Asian market in close cooperation with our main plant in Bonn, Germany . At this year's Chinaplas event, the company plans to showcase a new KCC10 MK3 packaging machine.

**About Kautex Maschinenbau**
Eight decades, shaped by innovative strength and services for its customers, has made Kautex Maschinenbau a globally leading provider of extrusion blow molding technology today. The company’s international customers include automobile firms and suppliers, as well as companies from the packaging industry. They all rely on the expertise of a brand that represents quality and reliability. With 470 employees in Germany and a further 160 employees worldwide, the company generated an annual turnover of over 122 million euros in 2016. Besides its headquarters in Bonn, the newly opened Customer Service Center in Berlin and regional offices in the USA, Russia, China, Italy and India, Kautex Maschinenbau maintains a dense global network of service and distribution offices.

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