



Press Release

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Orderly change at the top of Henkel's supervisory bodies

Simone Bagel-Trah New Chair of Henkel's Shareholders' Committee

Today, the Shareholders' Committee of Henkel AG & Co. KGaA elected Simone Bagel-Trah as its new Chairwoman. Bagel-Trah takes over this office from Albrecht Woeste who has been a member of the committee since 1976 and became its Chairman in 1990. This coming Tuesday, Simone Bagel-Trah is also due to be elected Chair of Henkel's Supervisory Board. This completes the transition from the fourth generation of the Henkel family to the fifth. The change at the top of these two supervisory bodies had already been announced at the Henkel Annual General Meeting of spring 2008.

Düsseldorf – Simone Bagel-Trah was duly elected today as the new Chair of Henkel's Shareholders' Committee, taking over the reins from the former Chairman of many years' standing, Albrecht Woeste. At the Supervisory Board meeting this coming Tuesday, Bagel-Trah will also be officially appointed to the position of Chairwoman of that body in place of Woeste. In keeping with the best of Henkel traditions, this change was decided upon in timely fashion. Back in April 2008 Albrecht Woeste made it known that he would like to see the 40-year-old doctor of microbiology named as his successor.

As a member of Henkel's corporate bodies, Albrecht Woeste has been closely involved in the Henkel history for a number of decades. The 73-year-old has been Chairman of the Supervisory Board and of the Shareholders' Committee since 1990. As the great-grandson of company founder Fritz Henkel, he represents the fourth generation of the Henkel family. "Albrecht Woeste has, for a great many years, had a decisive influence on Henkel's development. And he has never lost sight of the company's traditions. And for this I would like, on behalf of all Henkel's employees, to



express to him our deepest thanks,” said Kasper Rorsted, Chairman of the Henkel Management Board. “We are also very much looking forward to working together with Simone Bagel-Trah in taking our company successfully forward.”

As a great-great-granddaughter of the company founder, Simone Bagel-Trah is part of the fifth generation of the Henkel family. Bagel-Trah was a member of the Supervisory Board of Henkel KGaA from 2001 to 2005, and she has been on the Shareholders’ Committee since 2005. She was elected to the Supervisory Board of Henkel AG & Co. KGaA in April 2008 and, at the same time, appointed Vice-chair of both the Shareholders’ Committee of Henkel AG & Co. KGaA and of the Supervisory Board of Henkel Management AG. Bagel-Trah is partner and director of the clinical microbiological research company "Antiinfectives Intelligence" domiciled in Rheinbach near Bonn, Germany. She is married with two children.

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