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Organic Electronics Association Elects New Board of Directors

The members of the Organic Electronics Association (OE-A) elected a new Board of Directors at their annual General Assembly meeting. Wolfgang Mildner, Chairman, and Andrew Hannah, Vice Chairman, were confirmed in their positions.

Frankfurt, Germany, July 9, 2009 – The General Assembly meeting of the Organic Electronics Association (OE-A) took place on June 22nd, 2009 at the VDMA in Frankfurt, Germany. The new board represents the entire value chain of this emerging industry.

Chairman:

- Wolfgang Mildner, PolyIC GmbH & Co. KG, Germany

Vice Chairman:

- Andrew Hannah, Plextronics Inc., USA

Additional board members:

- Dr. Pierre P. Barthélemy, Solvay S.A., Belgium
- Prof. Dr. Reinhard R. Baumann, pmTUC, Germany
- Dr. Michael Heckmeier, Merck Chemicals Ltd., Great Britain
- Woolas Hsieh, Solarmer Energy, Inc., USA
- Dr. Stephan Kirchmeyer, H.C. Starck Clevios GmbH, Germany
- Thomas Kolbusch, Coatema Coating Machinery GmbH, Germany
- Jaap Lombaers, Holst Centre, The Netherlands
- Philipp Weissel, plastic electronic GmbH, Austria

„In the past two years, we were able to significantly extend the international network of the

OE-A. The OE-A already has more than 120 members from around the world and continues to grow,” says Wolfgang Mildner, who has been leading the OE-A as Chairman since its inception. He was reelected to the position for an additional two years. „The new board reflects the international, global reach and membership structure of the OE-A.“

Andrew Hannah, the Vice Chairman, adds: “The OE-A is the leading industry association in this field – established and run by its members. By opening an OE-A office in North America last year, we took an important step to ensure that our members’ interests are represented on a global basis. I look forward to supporting the continued expansion of our network, especially in North America.“

Additional information on the numerous projects of the OE-A, such as the Roadmap, education and training programs, standardization, Demonstrator projects and public relations, can be found in the new OE-A brochure; it also includes an insert with a set of functional organic electronic components.

About the Organic Electronics Association (OE-A):

The Organic Electronics Association (OE-A) is a working group within the German Engineering Federation (VDMA) and was founded in December 2004. The OE-A is the leading international industry association for organic and printed electronics and represents the entire value chain of this emerging industry. Our members are world-class global companies and institutions, ranging from R&D institutes, component and material suppliers to producers and end-users. More than 120 companies from Europe, North America, Asia and Australia are working together to promote the establishment of a competitive production infrastructure for organic electronics. The vision of the OE-A is to build a bridge between science, technology and application. More than 3,000 member companies from the engineering industry make VDMA the largest industry association in Europe.

The OE-A is the host of the premier international conference and exhibition, LOPE-C – the Large-area, Organic and Printed Electronics Convention, which addresses scientists, engineers, manufacturers, and investors. In 2010, LOPE-C will take place from May 31st to June 2nd, 2010 at Messe Frankfurt, Germany.

Additional information at: www.oe-a.org and www.lope-c.com

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Photo: The new board of the OE-A (left to right): Woolas Hsieh (Solarmer Energy Inc.), Jaap Lombaers (Holst Centre), Philipp Weisel (plastic electronic GmbH), Wolfgang Mildner (PolyIC GmbH & Co. KG, Chairman OE-A), Dr. Pierre P. Barthélemy (Solvay S.A.), Andrew Hannah (Plextronics Inc., Vice Chairman OE-A), Dr. Klaus Hecker (OE-A Managing Director), Dr. Michael Heckmeier (Merck Chemicals Ltd.), Barbara Fisher (Regional Manager, OE-A North America), Dr. Stephan Kirchmeyer, (H.C. Starck Clevios GmbH). (Not pictured: Prof. Dr. Reinhard R. Baumann (pmTUC), Thomas Kolbusch (Coatema Coating Machinery GmbH)).

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