

Umicore appoints An Steegen as Chief Technology Officer

Umicore announced today that it has appointed An Steegen as its new Chief Technology Officer and as a member of its Executive Committee, succeeding Denis Goffaux who was appointed Executive Vice President, Energy & Surface Technologies earlier this year. She will join Umicore as of 1st October.

An has a PhD degree in Material Science and Electrical Engineering from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. She currently serves as Executive Vice President Semiconductor Technology and System R&D at imec, a leading research center with a focus on nanoelectronics and digital technology innovation that lays the foundation for more personalized healthcare, smarter cities, cleaner energy and more efficient mobility, logistics and manufacturing solutions. Prior to joining imec in 2010, An worked at IBM's Semiconductor Research & Development center in Fishkill, NY and in the last several years of service at IBM, was in charge of the bulk CMOS technology development.

Commenting on the appointment, Umicore CEO Marc Grynberg said: *An is a brilliant materials scientist and has an impressive track record of leading large research organizations. Her competences and experience will nicely complement the unique expertise of Umicore's scientific community in clean mobility materials and recycling and add diversity to the Executive Committee. I am delighted that An has accepted to join Umicore and I am sure she will help us strengthen our long-term innovation roadmap.*

About Umicore

Umicore is a global materials technology and recycling group. It focuses on application areas where its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy makes a real difference. Its activities are organised in three business groups: Catalysis, Energy & Surface Technologies and Recycling. Each business group is divided into market-focused business units offering materials and solutions that are at the cutting edge of new technological developments and essential to everyday life.

Umicore generates the majority of its revenues and dedicates most of its R&D efforts to clean mobility materials and recycling. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on an ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life.

Umicore's industrial and commercial operations as well as research & development activities are located across the world to best serve its global customer base. The Group generated a turnover of € 6.4 billion (€ 1.7 billion excluding metal) in the first half of 2018 and currently employs 9,800 people.

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