

Press release

FKuR strengthens its management team

Bioplastics specialist FKuR Kunststoff GmbH has announced a new member in its management team. With effect from October 1st 2010 Mrs. Carmen Michels has strengthened the team and assumed responsibility for Technology and Production. She will reinforce the current management board of Dr.-Ing. Edmund Dolfen, Managing Director, and Patrick Zimmermann, who is responsible for Marketing & Sales.

Mrs. Carmen Michels, a graduate engineer, is moving from FKuR's Research and Development partner, institute Fraunhofer for Environmental, Safety and Energy Technology UMSICHT, where she was responsible for the management of the branch office in Willich and deputy manager for the business area Renewable Resources. Following her mechanical engineering studies, which majored in plastics engineering at the RWTH Aachen, Carmen began her career as a project engineer within the Research Institute for Plastics and Recycling.

"For me personally, the task of taking an active part in the strongly growing market of bioplastics from the perspective of an industrial partner represents a very interesting challenge", stated Michels when explaining her change to FKuR. "We are pleased to welcome Carmen Michels back in our team. This personnel move will help us to benefit from the professionalism and research & development potential of one of the world's largest Research Institute. With the excellent experience of Mrs. Michels, FKuR will continue strengthening its worldwide leading role as a developer and manufacturer of technically sophisticated bio-compounds", said Mr. Dolfen.

Bioplastics are a class of polymers, which have properties comparable to conventional polymers, but are made from renewable resources or enable the biodegradability of the products made from this material.

FKuR Kunststoff GmbH produces and markets special customized biopolymers under the brand names Bio-Flex[®] (polylactic acid/copolyester compound), Biograde[®] (cellulose ester compound) and Fibrolon[®] (natural fibre reinforced polymers). The close cooperation of the company with the Fraunhofer Institute UMSICHT assures outstanding know-how and quality standards.

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