



## Press Release

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***'Uhde India's Commitment to its Clients Remains Unchanged'.....Dr.Benno Lueke takes over as Uhde India's new MD from Dr. Michael Thiemann....***

Effective October 1, 2009, Dr.Benno Lueke will take over as the new Managing Director of Uhde India, in place of Dr.Michael Thiemann, who has been elevated to the position of Chairman of the Uhde Group from June 2009. As a consequence of this, Dr. Thiemann will also take over as Chairman of the Board of Uhde India, in place of Mr.Klaus Schneiders.

At an elite gathering of Clients and business associates in Mumbai, the mantle of leading Uhde India was passed from Dr.Thiemann to Dr.Lueke. Speaking to a gathering of the leading lights of the Indian Chemical Industry, Dr.Thiemann spoke fondly about leading the largest subsidiary in the Uhde Group for 15 years, growing close to and working alongside its multi-talented specialists, and sharing their vision of transforming Uhde India into a Centre of Competence and Excellence. Praising his Executive Team and members of Uhde India team, he spoke eloquently of the support and trust of Uhde India's clients and business associates and that of parent company Uhde and ThyssenKrupp AG. 'It is a day for saying goodbye,' he began. 'But it is also a day of a new beginning', Dr. Thiemann said, referring to the change of guard, not only at Uhde India, but also at Uhde GmbH, where he is Chairman.

Earlier, welcoming Dr. Benno Lueke, Mr. Schneiders had assured the gathering that Uhde and Uhde India would continue to serve its Clients with the same zeal, commitment and technical excellence that had endeared it to its long list of Clients, over the years. 'Dr. Lueke is no stranger to India, Indian business and Indian Clients. He has served Uhde for over 28 years, a large number of them as Head of the Electrolysis Division of Uhde. His experience will serve Uhde India well, and I am sure Uhde India will continue to make strides in the years to come.'

In reply, Dr.Lueke thanked his predecessor for the legacy of a 'well-organised and professional company, that Uhde and ThyssenKrupp is proud of', and assured Clients and business associates of Uhde India's efforts in contributing meaningfully to their project plans in the coming years.

A cross-section of senior representatives from leading Indian business houses, including Mr. Dara Damania, Vice-Chairman of ThyssenKrupp Industries India, and representative of the ThyssenKrupp Group in India, spoke glowingly of Dr. Thiemann's contributions to the success story of Uhde India, while wishing Dr. Lueke success in his new assignment.

Mr. P. D. Samudra, Executive Director – Sales and Member of the Board of Uhde India introduced the speakers.

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Images from the Farewell to Dr.Thiemann and Welcome for Dr.B.Lueke at the Trident, Mumbai on Sept.26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Dr.Thiemann and Dr.Lueke are pictured together in extreme right image in top row