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Joachim Rueger is new Head of Sugar factory in Clauen

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Joachim Rüger takes over the management of the Clauen plant with immediate effect. The long-standing manager has many years of experience as a plant manager and most recently held overall responsibility for *Safety, Health Environment and Quality (SHEQ)* in the Nordzucker Group. He succeeds Elmar Kuhnt, who will once again concentrate fully on managing the plant in Nordstemmen.

Dr. Arend Wittenberg, Head of Production I, explains: "I am delighted that Joachim Rüger, an experienced plant manager from Schladen and Uelzen and a production expert, is ready to take over the management of the Clauen plant. I wish him every success in his endeavor."

"I am very happy to take on this new task since I already know well many of my colleagues. I'm looking forward to an excellent team and to good cooperation," explains Joachim Rüger, the new Head of sugar factory in Clauen.

After the death of Zoltán Tóth in March, Elmar Kuhnt temporarily took over the management of the neighboring plant in Clauen in addition to his responsibility as Head of sugar factory in Nordstemmen. "I would like to expressly thank Elmar Kuhnt for his commitment and energy, because the task has led to a considerable double burden. But I

would also like to thank all my colleagues in Clauen who have shown great solidarity over the last few months," said Dr. Arend Wittenberg.

Background

The **Nordzucker Group**, based in Braunschweig, is Europe's second-largest sugar producer. The Group also produces bioethanol and animal feed from sugar beet. Eighteen production and refinery facilities across Europe form the technical, logistical and geographic basis for continued success. The Group has around 3,200 employees, who each strive towards providing excellent products and services.