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Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, Names Heidi Fagerholm as New Head of Advanced Technologies

- **Heidi Fagerholm joins Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, from global chemical company Kemira**
- **As of November 15, 2017 she will be in charge of the Advanced Technologies business unit within Performance Materials**

Darmstadt, Germany, September 11, 2017 – Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, a leading science and technology company, today announced that Heidi Fagerholm, currently Chief Technology Officer and member of the Management Board of Kemira, a global chemical company serving customers in water-intensive industries, will join the company as Head of the Advanced Technologies business unit within the Performance Materials business sector. She will start at Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, on November 15, 2017 and will be based in Darmstadt, Germany.

Heidi Fagerholm has served in various leadership and executive management roles including her most recent position as Chief Technology Officer. In this capacity, she led Kemira's global R&D and Technology function, including more than 250 scientists and professionals based at three global R&D centers in Espoo, Finland, Atlanta, Georgia (USA), and Shanghai, China. She has a Masters and PhD in Chemical Engineering from Abo Akademi University in Finland.

"I am very excited to welcome Heidi to our company as I am confident that her fresh perspective and extensive knowledge will be invaluable assets to Performance Materials and help us to leverage new technologies to strengthen our position as a leader in science and technology," said Kai Beckmann, Member of the Executive Board of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, and CEO Performance Materials.



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