Philippe JACQUES nominated as new Managing Director of EMIRI
(Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative)

EMIRI, the Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative, Europe’s leading association in the field of advanced materials for clean energy & clean mobility applications, has nominated Philippe JACQUES as its new Managing Director. The organization represents the interests of more than 50 organizations (industry players, research entities, associations) developing, manufacturing and commercializing advanced materials for clean energy & clean mobility technologies which are key for Europe’s Energy Union. As from October 1st, 2018, Philippe will replace Dr Fabrice STASSIN, who will take other responsibilities for Umicore Government Affairs in the frame of the European Battery Alliance.

Chemical Engineer from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, Philippe joined Solvay in 1988 in Brussels, Belgium, and moved to various IP, R&D management and senior leadership roles. Qualified European Patent Attorney, he managed Solvay Patent Department before joining Corporate R&I Management Team in 2011. Back from a 5-year assignment in Solvay biggest R&I Center in Lyon, France, he will now be seconded to EMIRI to address the innovation-related challenges ahead of the industry of advanced materials for clean energy & clean mobility. “I am excited to contribute to the transformation of Europe to more sustainable energy and clean mobility. I’m willing to build on what Fabrice has achieved and to continue being very inclusive and open to all actors striving for the development of advanced materials as key enablers for affordable and reliable clean energy and clean mobility solutions for Europe”, he declared.

As the Managing Director of EMIRI for the past 5 years, Fabrice has drastically developed EMIRI’s visibility and credibility through a period of great transformation challenges for clean energy & clean mobility in Europe. This resulted, among others, into a steadily growing European support to funding research & innovation in the field of advanced materials. I would like to express my strong appreciation for Fabrice’s outstanding contribution to a much better awareness of the key role of advanced materials in enabling the European Energy Union and its SET Plan.

Please join me in wishing Fabrice well in his future endeavors, and congratulating Philippe on his appointment and wishing him much success in his new position.

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