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UNIVEG announces the appointment of Francis Kint as Managing Director of UNIVEG Deutschland

The UNIVEG group of companies, worldwide supplier of fresh produce, announced it has appointed Francis Kint as Managing Director of its German operation, UNIVEG Deutschland, effective February 1st, 2009.

Francis Kint joins UNIVEG coming from Fiskars, where he most recently served as President for the Garden Business Area. From 1995 to 2004 he was Vice President North & East Europe of Chiquita Brands. Before that, Francis held executive and management positions in Finance and Sales.

"I am happy to welcome Francis at the helm of UNIVEG Deutschland," says Hein Deprez, CEO of the UNIVEG group of companies. "Francis comes to us at the moment when we are completing our integration process, following the acquisition of Atlanta AG, 6 months ago. His vast experience in the food industry and the fresh ideas he brings to our company will be great assets to further grow UNIVEG Deutschland's business from the leadership position we have established in Germany. We look forward to his contribution to further develop a customer focused organization and to realize the full market potential of UNIVEG Deutschland.

"I am honoured to join such a company as UNIVEG at a challenging time of expansion," adds Francis Kint. "The rich tradition, wide customer base, innovative products and solutions and last but not least the great people of UNIVEG Deutschland make a solid platform for further development of its business. I am fully committed to work with our German and Austrian customer base and staff to establish even stronger relationships that bring more value to all involved".

Francis Kint holds a degree as Civil Engineer and a MBA from the Vlerick Management School in Ghent (Belgium) and from Insead (France). He will operate out of Bremen, Headquarters of UNIVEG Deutschland. Francis is 46 years old, a Belgian citizen, married and has 3 children.

Effective 1 February, Peter Jung will leave UNIVEG Deutschland as Managing Director and will pass on the baton to Francis Kint.

"It is with great pride that I pass on the leadership of UNIVEG Deutschland to Francis, and I congratulate him on this new responsibility," says Peter Jung. "Looking back, the last 6 years have been the most enjoyable and most rewarding in my professional career. It has been a pleasure working with UNIVEG and to be part of the acquisition and integration process. I am convinced that this integration is a great testimony to the organisation's willingness to embrace changes, to deliver on its commitments and to drive for success. I will be leaving UNIVEG Deutschland with great memories and will be following UNIVEG's endeavours to take the business into its next phase of development with great interest. I would like to thank all our customers, suppliers and employees for their active cooperation and support during my position at UNIVEG Deutschland."

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