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Press Release

CeramTec appoints Henri Steinmetz as Group CEO

Dr Ulf-D. Zimmermann joins Supervisory Board and becomes Senior Advisor

Plochingen, February 17, 2016 – CeramTec has appointed Henri Steinmetz (58) as Group CEO with effect from March 14, 2016, following the planned retirement of the current CEO Dr Ulf-D. Zimmermann (66) who will step down from the CeramTec Board with effect from March 14, 2016.

Dr Zimmermann will join the Supervisory Board of CeramTec GmbH (Germany) and will be appointed Senior Advisor to CeramTec and Cinven – in a newly created role – to enable the Company to benefit from his significant industry knowledge going forward.

Mr. Steinmetz has more than 20 years of international experience in senior executive roles. He joins CeramTec from Belgium-based Ruetgers NV, a leading European manufacturer of chemical raw materials, where he was President and CEO since 2009. Before joining Ruetgers, Mr. Steinmetz held several senior leadership roles at Sulzer AG, Great Lakes Chemical, and General Electric. He has a proven track record of long-term value creation for customers, employees, creditors and shareholders alike. We are very pleased to have such an industry expert on board to lead CeramTec's next phase of growth.

Further information can be found at: <http://crm.tc/t>

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