

ESSENTRA PLC A leading global provider of essential components and solutions

BOARD DIRECTOR CHANGE

The Company today announces that the Board and Stefan Schellinger, who has served as Group Finance Director since October 2015, have mutually agreed that Stefan will leave the business later this year to pursue his career outside Essentra.

Paul Lester, Chairman, said: "Stefan has been a member of the Board since 2015, and his knowledge and commitment have proved very valuable through what was a period of challenge in 2016. He has played an important role in stabilising the Company in 2017, and in developing the clear strategy we now have. As he looks to further develop his career, we wish him well in the future."

Paul Forman, Chief Executive, added: "I have worked closely with Stefan since January 2017. During that time, he has made an immense contribution to stabilising the Company by overseeing the disposal of our Porous Technologies business and leading the re-financing of the Group, as well as supporting me with the Strategic Review and re-organisation of the Company. I want personally to thank him for that contribution and commitment, and to wish him every success in the future."

Stefan Schellinger will continue as a Director of the Company and has agreed to remain with the business to oversee the handover of his role. A search for his successor has commenced and an appointment will be announced in due course.

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Notes to Editors

About Essentra plc

Essentra plc is a FTSE 250 company and a leading global provider of essential components and solutions. Organised into four divisions from the start of 2018 - reflecting the Company's strategic review - Essentra focuses on the light manufacture and distribution of high volume, enabling components which serve customers in a wide variety of end-markets and geographies.

Essentra Components

Essentra Components is a global market leading manufacturer and distributor of plastic injection moulded, vinyl dip moulded and metal items. Operating in 27 countries worldwide, nine manufacturing facilities and 24 logistics centres serve more than 90,000 customers with a rapid supply of low cost but essential products for a variety of applications in industries such as equipment manufacturing, automotive, fabrication, electronics and construction.

Essentra Packaging

Essentra Packaging is one of only two multi-continental suppliers of a full secondary packaging range to the health and personal care sectors, with 25 facilities across four geographic regions. The division's innovative products include cartons, leaflets, self-adhesive labels and printed foils used in blister packs, which help customers to meet the rapidly-changing requirements of these end-markets and can also be combined with Essentra's authentication solutions to help the fight against counterfeiting.

Essentra Filters

Essentra Filters is the only global independent cigarette filter supplier. The nine worldwide locations, including a dedicated Technology Centre supported by three regional development facilities, provide a flexible infrastructure strategically positioned to serve the tobacco sector. The business supplies a wide range of value-adding high quality innovative filters, packaging solutions to the roll your own segment and analytical laboratory services for ingredient measurement to the industry: Essentra's offering also includes e-cigarette and Heat Not Burn solutions to the rapidly evolving market for Next Generation Products.

Essentra Specialist Components

Essentra Specialist Components comprises the Company's six smaller businesses. These activities largely have strong positions in the markets in which they operate, although they have little overlap with each other or with Essentra's larger three global divisions.

The *Extrusion* business is a leading custom profile extruder located in The Netherlands which offers a complete design and production service. One of the first companies to extrude plastics, Essentra is now one of Europe's most advanced suppliers of co-extrusion and tri-extrusion to all branches of industry.



The *Pipe Protection Technologies* business specialises in the manufacture of high performance innovative products from commodity resins to engineering-grade thermoplastics and polymer alloys, largely for use in the oil and gas industry. Locations in four countries, combined with a wide distributor network, serve customers around the world.

The *Speciality Tapes* business has expertise in coating multiple adhesive systems in numerous technologies, with close to 3,000 tape products available for same-day shipping and predominantly for point of purchase and white goods applications.

The *Tear Tapes* business is globally recognised as the leading manufacturer and supplier of pressuresensitive tear tapes, which are largely used in the tobacco, food and drink and specialist packaging sectors.

The *Industrial Supply* business provides a wide range of branded hardware supplies to a broad base of industrial customers, largely located in the US Mid-West.

The *Security* business is a leading European provider of ID card printers, systems and accessories to direct and trade customers.

Headquartered in the United Kingdom, Essentra's global network extends to 33 countries and includes c. 8,000 employees, 49 principal manufacturing facilities, 66 sales & distribution operations and 4 research & development centres. For further information, please visit <u>www.essentraplc.com.</u>