

Cabot Corporation Appoints New President for Asia-Pacific Region

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BOSTON, Apr 24, 2012 (BUSINESS WIRE) --Jeff Zhu has joined <u>Cabot Corporation</u> (NYSE: CBT) as a senior vice president and president of the Asia Pacific region. In this role, he is directly responsible for the Asia Pacific region of Cabot, which includes 10 manufacturing sites throughout China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Malaysia. Zhu will report directly to Cabot President and Chief Executive Officer Patrick Prevost.

Prior to Cabot, Zhu served as head of global sales at Asia Pacific Resources International Holding Limited (APRIL), a multi-billion USD privately owned global paper and pulp company. He previously spent 18 years with Rhodia and its predecessor Rhone-Poulenc, working in a variety of regional and global business leadership roles, including Asia Pacific regional commercial director, regional vice president and general manager for Novecare, and vice president and global director for Electronics and Catalysis.

"With over 20 years of chemical industry experience, Jeff brings a comprehensive global perspective coupled with first-hand experience in many key markets as well as Asia Pacific," Prevost said. "Jeff's extensive technical expertise and broad international experience will be a significant contribution to Cabot's strategy for accelerating the growth and success that Cabot has already achieved throughout the region. I am confident that Jeff is the right person to lead our Asia Pacific operations and will be a strategic resource to the company in the years ahead."

ABOUT CABOT CORPORATION

Cabot Corporation is a global specialty chemical and performance materials company headquartered in Boston, Mass, USA. Cabot's other major products are <u>carbon black</u>, <u>fumed silica</u>, <u>inkjet colorants</u>, <u>aerogel</u>, <u>elastomer composites</u>, and <u>cesium formate drilling fluids</u>. The company's website is: <u>http://www.cabotcorp.com</u>.

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