



UCB's Board of Directors elected New Chairman for 2012

Brussels (Belgium), September 23, 2011 – regulated information – UCB announces that UCB's Board of Directors has elected Gerhard Mayr as new chairman of the Board of Directors as of May 2012. Gerhard Mayr will follow the current Chairman of the Board, Karel Boone, in this position when Karel Boone's term is ending in April 2012 as he reached the age limit of 70.

Karel Boone commented: "I am delighted to hand over to Gerhard Mayr. I am convinced that all internal and external stakeholders will give him their full support. With his excellent knowledge of UCB and his exceptional experience especially in the innovative pharma industry he will continue to support the transformation of UCB becoming the patient-centric biopharma leader."

Gerhard N. Mayr, member of UCB's Board of Directors since 2005 is Independent Director and Member of the Remuneration and Appointments Committee He is also member of the Audit Committee. A native of Austria, Gerhard Mayr received a master's degree in chemical engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (Zurich, Switzerland) in 1969, and a master of business administration degree from Stanford University in 1972. In March, 2004, he retired as executive vice president of pharmaceutical operations at Eli Lilly & Company after 32 years of service. He had been responsible for global pharmaceutical operations and sales and marketing worldwide at Lilly - a leading innovation-driven corporation. Gerhard Mayr is past chairman of both the International Executive Committee and the Europe Committee of the Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers of America. He was a board member of the European Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry from 1995-97 and 2000-2002. Gerhard Mayr is a Member of the Board of Lonza Group Ltd.

Karel Boone is Member of UCB's Board of Directors since 2000 and Chairman since 2008, he is also member of the Audit Committee and member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee. Commercial Engineer (KUL), Karel Boone started in 1966 as an executive member of the Board of Directors of Lotus Bakeries (Lotus Biscuits at this time) and became CEO in 1974 when Lotus Biscuits merged with Corona. He was also Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1992 until 2006 when he became non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors. He is a member of the following Boards of Directors: Banque Degroof, Vandemoortele (Chairman). He was active in professional organizations and has been Chairman of the Federation of Belgian Companies.



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