Press information



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Dr. Werner Mueller to Step Down from Posts for Health Reasons

Dr. Werner Mueller will on May 24, 2018 step down from his post as Chairman of the Executive Board of RAG-Stiftung (RAG Foundation) and his supervisory board positions at Evonik Industries AG, RAG AG and Deutsche Steinkohle AG for health reasons. The decision was announced by Mueller in coordination with the foundation's Chairman of the Board of Trustees as well as the executive and supervisory boards of the companies.

"Unfortunately, my serious illness will not allow me to continue to fulfill my obligations at the foundation and in the supervisory boards," said Mueller.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Juergen Grossmann, and the ex officio members, Deputy Chairman, Michael Vassiliadis; Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, Armin Laschet; Prime Minister of Saarland, Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer; as well as the acting Federal Finance and Economy Ministers, Peter Altmaier and Brigitte Zypries, have unanimously agreed to nominate Bernd Toenjes, currently Chairman of the Executive Board of RAG AG, as Dr. Werner Mueller's successor as Chairman of RAG-Stiftung, at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 9.

"Bernd Toenjes is an excellent candidate," said Grossmann. "As a native of the Ruhr region and an experienced business leader, he will provide stability and continuity in fulfilling RAG-Stiftung's obligations."

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