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### **CHANGE AT TOP FOR TEPPFA**

The European Plastic Pipes and Fittings Association (TEPPFA) has a newly elected President and a new General Manager. Niels Rune Solgaard-Nielsen has succeeded Hans Telgen as President and Tony Calton takes over as General Manager from Pierre Favrot of the Brussels-based organization.

Niels Rune Solgaard-Nielsen is CEO for the Pipelife Group headquartered in Austria. A Danish citizen, Solgaard-Nielsen holds a Master in Economics and Business Management from University of Aarhus. Before joining Pipelife as COO Region Europe North in 2003 he worked for ABB for nearly 20 years holding various management positions in Denmark and internationally.

Tony Calton has many years of manufacturing and marketing experience with the UK activities of the Aliaxis Group of companies. His particular field of expertise covers the development of plastic pipe systems for sewer, gas and water transportation in the utilities, offshore and industrial markets. He has served on various TEPPFA committees having more recently promoted the technical investigation into the association's Sustainable Municipal Pipes project.

TEPPFA was founded in 1992 and represents manufacturers and national associations of plastic pipe systems across Europe. "We are actively involved in promoting the value and acceptance of plastic pipe activities for a sustainable future," explains Calton. "Our work in the field of EU representation, standards, recycling and environmental assessments of plastic pipe systems has accelerated the awareness of their benefits. I am delighted to accept this new role and thus continue to communicate effectively with all our members and valued stakeholders."

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