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Christian Kullmann nominated as successor

Hans Van Bylen remains VCI President to end March 2020

Hans Van Bylen, incumbent president of the German chemical industry association Verband der Chemischen Industrie (VCI), will step down as CEO of Henkel AG & Co. KGaA at the end of this year while remaining at the VCI's helm until an extraordinary general assembly on 25 March 2020. This is the decision of the VCI presidential council.

Also, the VCI presidential council has nominated Christian **Kullmann** (chairman of the executive board of Evonik Industries) as the candidate for the succession of Van Bylen. Kullmann has been vice-president of the VCI board since september 2017. He also chairs the industry's initiative Chemistry in Dialogue.

The future VCI president will be elected at the regular VCI committee meetings in Berlin. The new president's term in office starts the day following his election.

The VCI represents the politico-economic interests of around 1,700 German chemical companies and German subsidiaries of foreign businesses. For this purpose, the VCI is in contact with politicians, public authorities, other industries, science and media. The VCI stands for more than 90 percent of the chemical industry in Germany. In 2018, the German chemical industry realised sales of 203 billion euros and employed ca. 462,500 staff.

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