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Wolfgang Große Entrup is the VCI's new director-general

New leadership of the German chemical industry association VCI

Wolfgang Große Entrup (57) is the new director-general of the German chemical industry association VCI in Frankfurt. On 1 October, he succeeded Utz Tillmann who is retiring after more than 11 years in this role.

According to the new VCI director-general, Germany's third largest industry is facing a growing number of huge challenges: "We are currently experiencing major ecological, economic and socio-political changes with direct impacts on our industry. To get ready for the future, we need to focus more than ever before on innovation with an open mind for new technologies. Obviously, the responsibility of the chemical and pharmaceutical industry goes far beyond profitable growth. Our products and services make important contributions to a sustainable development. An open dialogue between industry, society and politicians is needed to highlight and discuss this fact."

Wolfgang Große Entrup holds a PhD in agricultural engineering. Before joining the VCI, he was Senior Vice President "Sustainability & Business Stewardship" at Bayer AG where he was in charge of the global steering of the group's activities in these fields. Previously, Große Entrup had senior positions in various staff and distribution organisations inside BASF SE. Prior to that, he was the personal aide/head of office of a member of German Parliament of the government coalition.

Große Entrup is married with two adult daughters.

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 over 204 billion euros and employed ca. 462,000 staff.

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