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### **Valtris Names New Vice President, Technology**

#### **Jay Xu brings strategic R&D leadership to Valtris**

Independence, OH – Valtris Specialty Chemicals is pleased to announce Jiannong “Jay” Xu has joined the Company as Vice President, Technology effective December 12, 2017. Jay brings more than 15 years of research and development experience to the Company.

Jay joins Valtris from Laird where he served as Director of Technology. Prior to Laird, Jay served as Senior Technology Manager at PolyOne Corporation and previously held R&D positions at Milliken & Company. He holds a Ph.D. in Polymer Chemistry from Virginia Tech. Using his extensive background in materials science and working with Valtris’ global technology teams, Jay will be uniquely positioned to lead product development and growth at Valtris.

“We are excited that Jay has joined the team. He brings a depth of knowledge and experience that will benefit the Company as we expand our specialty product offerings,” says CEO Paul Angus. “Jay and his team, working closely with our Sales and Commercial teams, have the opportunity to quickly impact our product portfolio and help us achieve our long term financial objectives.

Valtris Specialty Chemicals is a leading provider of specialty chemicals, serving a variety of industries including building and construction, packaging, consumer goods, transportation and oilfield additives. Headquartered in Independence, Ohio, and with seven facilities operating globally, Valtris offers a broad and expanding product portfolio that brings quality materials and innovative solutions to customers around the world. Our technical expertise, market experience, and customer service excellence are leveraged to bring our customers value and service at the highest level. For more information, visit [www.valtris.com](http://www.valtris.com).