

# Valtris Specialty Chemicals appoints Jirak as Chief Commercial Officer

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Valtris Specialty Chemicals has hired Jeff Jirak as Chief Commercial Officer. In this role, Jeff will have responsibility for worldwide commercial activities and P&L.



“I’m confident that Jeff’s energy, experience, and proven ability to generate profitable growth will complement our already strong commercial team and advance our ability to deliver sales and margin improvements” said Valtris CEO, Paul Angus.

Jeff comes to Valtris from Nouryon (previously AkzoNobel Specialty Chemicals), a global specialty chemical producer, where he served as Vice President, General Manager of the Surface Chemistry business for the Americas. Jeff led the transformation of the business to position it for growth under the new private equity ownership of the Carlyle Group. The portfolio consisted of amine based surfactants and acrylic polymer chemistries that provided advanced surface modification technologies to a wide cross section of market segments including Lubricants and Fuel Additives, Agricultural Chemicals, Cleaning, Oil & Gas, Paints & Coatings, and Personal Care.

Prior to AkzoNobel/Nouryon, Jeff was Vice President General Manager of the Fluoropolymers Diversified Technologies business unit at the Chemours Company, a spin off from DuPont. Jeff previously worked for DuPont for 23 years where he held various roles in business management, sales, marketing, business development, supply chain and operations across several polymers and chemicals based businesses. Jeff holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University and a MBA from Drexel University.

Valtris Specialty Chemicals is a leading manufacturer of specialty additives for a diverse set of end markets including plastics. The Company’s materials are essential ingredients specified into customer products to provide critical performance attributes in the following areas:

- Polymer Modifiers: improving the flexibility, resiliency and processability of plastics, sealants and used extensively in lubricants;
- Stabilizers: improving the processing and performance of plastic by limiting effects of heat, light and micro-organisms;
- Lubricants: improving the internal and external lubrication in the processing of plastics, rubber, coatings and other materials;
- Advanced Organics: solvents and precursors for industrial coatings, flavor and fragrance, pharmaceutical, agriculture and other industrial markets.

The Company's products have been used in a variety of industries, including consumer goods, packaging, building products, transportation, adhesives and sealants and energy for more than 70 years. The Company is headquartered in Independence, Ohio, USA and operates nine manufacturing facilities globally, including four in the United States.