



Press Release

Andreas Brechbühl appointed new head of Access Asia Pacific Division

Rümlang, May 31, 2005 – **Kaba's Board of Directors has appointed Andreas Brechbühl the new COO of the Access Asia Pacific Division as of July 1, 2005. On the same date, Brechbühl will join the Executive Board.**

Andreas Brechbühl, 47, who holds an HSG degree in business administration, will contribute extensive Asian market experience to Kaba's management team. Prior to joining Kaba, the Hong Kong resident was General Manager with Hilti since 2003. Previously, he was Senior Vice-President Asia with the Diethelm Keller Group for nearly 9 years. His career also includes posts with Ciba Vision, Jacobs Suchard, and Unilever. Brechbühl will head up the Asia Pacific Division as of July 1, 2005, and concurrently join Kaba's Executive Board.

On the occasion of this change in management, the hub of Access Asia Pacific Division will be moved to Hong Kong. This allows activities in the Pacific Rim to be coordinated locally. At the same time, Kaba intends to strengthen its presence in the Chinese market and expand its business in this significant economic region. Kaba is convinced that these measures create ideal prerequisites for a continuation of the division's successful development and the continuity of the Group's operations in the Asia Pacific region.

Heribert Allemann, the division's previous Chief Operating Officer, will focus as Deputy CEO on strategically important corporate development projects.

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