



Press release

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Term of office extended

Bad Homburg, September 23, 2004 – The Supervisory Board of ALTANA AG (NYSE: AAA, FSE: ALT) today extended **Dr. Matthias Wolfgruber's** term of office as Member of the Management Board of ALTANA AG and overall management of the Chemicals division by a further five years. Dr. Matthias Wolfgruber has served on the ALTANA Management Board since July 1, 2002.

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