

## Press release

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### **Term of office extended**

**Bad Homburg, May 5, 2004** - The Supervisory Board of ALTANA AG (NYSE: AAA, FSE: ALT) today extended **Dr. Nikolaus Schweickart's** period of office as Chairman of the Management Board by a further two years until the Annual General Meeting in 2007. His current term of office expires in April 2005. Dr. Schweickart, who turned 60 in December last year, has been a member of the ALTANA Management Board for 17 years (since 1987), of which he has spent 14 years as Chairman (since 1990). This makes him one of the longest-serving CEOs amongst the DAX 30 companies.

The Management Board mandate of **Dr. Hermann Küllmer**, Chief Financial Officer, was also extended by one year. Dr. Küllmer will now retire from the Management Board at the end of the Annual General Meeting in 2006. Dr. Küllmer, who will be 61 this July, has served on the ALTANA Management Board since 1990.

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