

## **zooplus AG: COO Jürgen Vedio leaves the company**

**Munich, June 15, 2015** – Jürgen Vedio, Chief Operating Officer of zooplus AG, responsible for Purchasing, Logistics and Supply Chain Management asked the Supervisory Board of zooplus AG to be released from his responsibilities as a member of the board for personal reasons.

During the last three years at zooplus and since April 2014 as member of the board, Mr. Vedio contributed significantly to the successful and sustainable growth of zooplus AG. In particular the set up and expansion of the international logistics network (with locations in Wroclaw, Poland and Chalon-sur-Saône, France) has been successfully implemented under his leadership. Additionally, significant efficiency gains in Logistics and sustainable savings in Purchasing have been achieved.

The Supervisory Board and the Executive Board of zooplus AG thank Mr. Vedio for his commitment and his achievements for zooplus and wish him all the best for the future.

Mr. Vedio will continue to be available to the company until end of June 2015. Mr. Vedio's areas of responsibilities are allocated to existing members of the Board with immediate effect. Dr. Cornelius Patt, CEO of zooplus AG, takes over Logistics and Supply Chain Management. Mr. Andreas Grandinger, CFO of zooplus AG, assumes the responsibility for Purchasing.

Dr. Cornelius Patt commented the changes in the Executive Board of zooplus AG as follows: "We regret that Mr. Vedio has decided to leave the company and thank him for his excellent work. At the same time zooplus AG is in an excellent position with the new allocation of responsibilities and with the existing team structures to achieve its growth targets and to continue to expand its strategic market position in the market for pet supplies."

### **Company profile:**

zooplus was founded in 1999 and is now Europe's leading online retailer for pet supplies in terms of sales and total sales. In the 2014 financial year, the latter totaled EUR 571 million – 69% of which is international. The company's business model has so far been launched successfully in 28 European countries. zooplus sells products for all major pet types. In particular, its product range includes pet food (dry and wet food and food supplements) and accessories such as scratching posts, dog baskets, and toys in all price categories. As well as a selection of over 8,000 products, zooplus customers also benefit from a variety of interactive content and community offerings. The pet supplies market is an important segment in the European retail landscape. Sales of pet food and accessories within the European Union amount to around EUR 25 billion. Because further vigorous growth is anticipated in the European e-commerce market, zooplus is expecting its dynamic performance to continue.

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