

Avantium appoints Marco Jansen as Chief Commercial Officer

AMSTERDAM, 4 July 2024, 18:00 hrs CEST – Avantium N.V., a leading company in renewable and circular polymer materials, announces that it has appointed Marco Jansen as its Chief Commercial Officer. Marco will join Avantium on 1 September 2024. He will help further drive the commercialisation of PEF and FDCA, made by Avantium's YXY® Technology, and the execution of the licensing strategy.

Marco is an experienced commercial executive, with proven expertise in the field of biobased polymers. He brings a strong network in the field of renewable plastic materials. Marco held several senior commercial and leadership positions in sales, market development, sustainability and advocacy at Braskem, a global petrochemical company that produces thermoplastic resins, including biopolymers. The last position Marco held at Braskem was Business Director Biopolymers EMEA and Director of Sustainability & Advocacy Europe & Asia. Before joining Braskem in 2010, Marco worked for Arkema Group, a leader in specialty materials.

Avantium CEO Tom van Aken says: "We are pleased that Marco Jansen will strengthen our team and spearhead the commercial and licensing activities of Avantium. He possesses significant commercial and marketing & sales expertise in the field of biobased polymers and he has a proven track record in advocacy and external affairs. Additionally, he is bringing a strong network and commercial drive to our Company that will help us to reach Avantium's strategic goals."

Marco Jansen comments: "I am deeply committed to sustainability and recognise the crucial role that renewable and circular polymers play in the materials transition and circular economy. Avantium's progress in commercialising its bio-based polymer PEF has been impressive. I am delighted to become Avantium's Chief Commercial Officer at this crucial point in the history of the Company, just before the start of its FDCA Flagship Plant. I am looking forward to further develop the PEF and FDCA markets and drive Avantium's licensing strategy."

About Avantium

Avantium is a pioneering commercial-stage company focused on renewable & circular polymer materials. Avantium develops and commercialises innovative technologies for the production of materials based on sustainable carbon feedstocks, i.e. carbon from biomass or carbon from the air (CO₂). The most advanced technology is the YXY® Technology that catalytically converts plant-based sugars into FDCA (furanicarboxylic acid), the key building block for the sustainable plastic PEF (polyethylene furanoate). Avantium has successfully demonstrated the YXY® Technology at its pilot plant in Geleen, the Netherlands, and is currently constructing of the world's first commercial plant for FDCA. The official opening ceremony for the FDCA Flagship Plant is set on 22 October 2024. Avantium also provides R&D solutions in the field of sustainable chemistry and is the leading provider of advanced catalyst testing technology and services to accelerate catalyst R&D. Avantium works in partnership with like-minded companies around the globe to create revolutionary renewable chemistry solutions from invention to commercial scale.

Avantium's shares are listed on Euronext Amsterdam and Euronext Brussels (symbol: AVTX). Avantium is incorporated in the Euronext Amsterdam SmallCap Index (AScX). Its offices and headquarters are in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

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