

# **Curriculum Vitae**

## Dr. Ralf Bethke

### Honorary Chairman of the Supervisory Board since May 10, 2017

Member of the Supervisory Board as Shareholder Representative of K+S Aktiengesellschaft: July 1, 2007 until the end of the ordinary Annual General Meeting 2017 Supervisory Board chairman: May 14, 2008 until the end of the ordinary Annual General Meeting 2017



### Personal data

Year of Birth	1942
Place of Birth	Königsberg
Residence	Deidesheim

#### Education

1963 – 1968	Studies of Business Administration and Economics at the Universities of Bonn,
	Cologne and Mannheim (Degree: Diploma)
1971	Doctorate (Dr. rer. pol.) at the University of Mannheim

### **Career history**

1969 – 1971	Research assistant at the professorship for Business Administration,
	Organisation/Logistics at the University of Mannheim
1972 – 1978	Marketing and sales functions in the area of fertilizers, BASF Aktiengesellschaft,
	Ludwigshafen, (today: BASF SE, Ludwigshafen)
1978 – 1983	Member of the Board of Executive Directors of Chemag AG, Frankfurt,
	responsible for Distribution, Chemicals, Finance, Human Resources and
	Administration
1984 – 1990	Head of marketing and sales intermediate products, BASF Aktiengesellschaft,
	Ludwigshafen
1990 – 1991	Member of the Board of Executive Directors of Kali und Salz AG, Kassel (today:
	K+S Aktiengesellschaft, Kassel), organisational division Sales
1991 – 2007	Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, K+S Aktiengesellschaft, Kassel
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