

UPEI ELECTS NEW PRESIDING BOARD

UPEI, the voice of Europe's independent fuel suppliers, is pleased to announce that a new Presiding Board has been elected for a three year period starting 1 January 2018.

The Board will be presided by Thomas Johannsen, Director of Public Affairs, Marquard & Bahls AG (Hamburg, Germany). Alongside him will serve four Vice Presidents:

Anna Bes, Director General Dyneff, Spain

Johan Deleu, Manager Government Relations & Public Affairs, VARO Energy Belgium NV

Erik De Vries, Director NOVE, The Netherlands

Brian Worrall, Director of Corporate Affairs, Certas Energy UK Limited

"I congratulate the newly elected Board and am delighted to hand over the Presidency to Thomas Johannsen, with an established career of over 25 years in the independent energy business. I would also like acknowledge and thank the outgoing Vice Presidents for their valuable contribution and hard work: Ivan Indraček (SČS, CZ), Emmanuel Riu (Dyneff, FR) and Teresa Sayers (Downstream Fuel Association, UK)," said outgoing President, Thierry De Meulder (BE).



Alongside his responsibilities at Marquard & Bahls AG, Thomas Johannsen is a member of the IEA Industrial Advisory Board and the Supervisory Board of the German CSO agency.

UPEI represents European importers and wholesale/retail distributors of refined petroleum products and their alternatives, supplying Europe's customers, independently of the major petroleum producers.

Independent suppliers, covering more than a third of Europe's demand, play a crucial role in an evolving market by bringing competition which is vital to the economy. Their independence enables them to respond rapidly to changes in terms of market structure, products and services, contributing to security of supply on a local, regional and national level.

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