

Press release

Sanner strengthen its position as CDMO – important management change

Bensheim/Germany, August 8, 2025 – [Sanner](#) is setting the course for the future: As part of its strategic transformation into a CDMO (Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization) for medical devices and complex pharmaceutical drug delivery systems, the company announces a management change.

As part of its strategic focus on the CDMO sector, the Sanner Group will now draw even more specifically on expertise from the pharmaceutical industry, both operationally and at management level. Accordingly, the CEO Dr. Johannis Willem van Vliet will leave the company shortly.

Until the new CEO takes office in autumn 2025, Heino Lennartz will take over as interim CEO. He has extensive knowledge in the pharmaceutical and CDMO sectors and as Chairman, he is already very familiar with the processes and activities of the Sanner Group. He will be responsible for managing the company during the transition period and will support the future CEO during the handover.

Stefan Verheyden will become the new CEO. He holds a degree in chemistry and has been working in the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry for over 30 years. Moreover, he also has extensive experience in the field of primary packaging. Most recently, he was Global Vice President Sales Pharma and Biopharma Injectables at a leading company in the primary packaging and contract manufacturing space.

“We are delighted to welcome Mr. Verheyden to the Sanner Group as experienced CEO. His many years of expertise and reputation in the industry will be a great asset to us in both the packaging and CDMO sectors,” says Heino Lennartz.

“We thank Johannis Willem van Vliet for his commitment and significant contributions during an important phase of our company,” said Heino Lennartz. “He has taken decisive steps to position the Sanner Group as a global medtech and pharmaceutical



supplier. These include the acquisitions of Springboard and Gilero and the successful ramp-up of our new production sites in Bensheim and Greensboro.”

About Sanner

[Sanner GmbH](#) was founded in 1894. Headquartered in Germany with best-in-class manufacturing facilities across Germany, France, Hungary, China, and the U.S., Sanner has successively developed from a global market leader for desiccant closures and effervescent tablet packaging into a sought-after provider of customized solutions in the areas of medical devices and diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, and consumer healthcare. Today, Sanner supplies its products to more than 150 countries globally and has more than 820 employees. In November 2021, [GHO Capital](#), Europe’s leading specialist investor in healthcare, acquired a majority stake in Sanner to partner with the fourth generation of the Sanner family to continue to support the growth of the company with a specific focus on transforming Sanner into a global MedTech CDMO.

Media contact

Commha Consulting GmbH & Co. KG

Annette Crowther

Tel. +49 6221 18779-27

sanner@commhaconsulting.com