



# Press release

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## Corporate Director Control to leave AkzoNobel

AkzoNobel today announces that Martin Potter, Corporate Director Control, will leave AkzoNobel at the end of September this year.

Over a period of 35 years Martin has pursued a successful international career in a series of financial roles. He has been involved in many major, and critical, transactions and has been a valued business partner to the many business managers he has worked for.

Martin has most recently played an important leadership role in the company's transformation. The successful merger of the Group Control and Reporting teams in 2007 was followed by the prompt integration of the corporate ICI activities in the summer of 2008.

Having pursued this transformation in the Netherlands over more than three years Martin has expressed his wish to continue his career in the UK.

AkzoNobel would like to thank Martin for his significant contribution and wishes him every success in the future.

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