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### Thomas Polakowski Named New Director of Research at Organobalance

Thomas Polakowski is the new Director of Research at Organobalance, a Berlin-based biotechnology company. The 45-year-old joined the firm in May, having previously been in charge of R&D Cooperations and Strategic Technology Assessment at 3B Pharmaceuticals GmbH. "I am very much looking forward to shaping research activities in metabolic engineering and screening at Organobalance and to providing my personal leadership expertise", he said.

Mr. Polakowski holds an MBA in project management from FOM University of Applied Science and received a PhD in metabolic engineering from the Technical University Berlin, where he majored in biotechnology. Prior to working in Berlin, Mr. Polakowski was a laboratory director at Aventis Research and Technologies in Frankfurt/Main.



"His distinctive expertise in customer-oriented R&D will add significantly to our team", explained Prof. Dr. Christine Lang, CEO of Organobalance. The company specializes in researching and processing probiotic compounds for pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, pet food, and plastics industries, among others, and in the systematic development of yeasts for industrial biotechnology. Ms. Lang is also a professor for biotechnology and microbiology at the Technical University Berlin. Furthermore, she co-chairs the Bioeconomy Council of the German Federal Government.

#### About ORGANO BALANCE:

ORGANO BALANCE is a research and development company, and one of the technology leaders in the area of what are referred to as probiotic bacteria. We develop organisms for industrial biotechnology and for our own bio-based products. The company was established by Prof. Dr. Christine Lang in 2001. At its facilities in Berlin and Flensburg, the company is currently employing a staff of about 30 employees working on projects for companies such as BASF and General Mills and other well-known customers from the food, cosmetics, feed, agriculture, and pharmaceuticals industries. Ms. Lang and ORGANO BALANCE have won several entrepreneurial prizes.

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