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## **Nils Olaf Petersen new Secretary General of the European Timber Trade Federation ETTF**

At the General Assembly of the European Timber Trade Federation ETTF on October 13, 2023 in Vienna, Nils Olaf Petersen was unanimously elected as the new Secretary General. He will take up the position on January 1, 2024.

Nils Olaf Petersen has been working for the Gesamtverband Deutscher Holzhandel e.V. (GD Holz) for 10 years, initially for the former Monitoring Organization of GD Holz Service GmbH and one year later as Head of the Foreign Trade Department in GD Holz. He has also been in charge of the Quality Plywood Initiative (IQS) for several years.

Nils Olaf Petersen will take on the role of European Secretary General in addition to his previous duties. He succeeds Thomas Goebel, Managing Director of GD Holz, who was no longer available for the position of European Secretary General after four years.

ETTF has a wide variety of tasks in the new year. First and foremost is the request to the European Commission to be able to implement the new EUDR for European timber imports with as little additional effort as possible. In addition, ETTF is involved in a working group on LCAs (Life Cycle Analysis) of imported products. It also organizes the international conferences for softwood and hardwood in Taormina and Vienna.

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About us:

*The Gesamtverband Deutscher Holzhandel e. V. (GD Holz) is the cross-cooperation and representative industry association of the German specialist timber trade with approx. 800 member companies.*

*GD Holz represents the economic interests of the specialist timber trade and its distribution channels vis-à-vis business, politics, the media, associations and industry.*

*As a trade association, it represents the interests of its member companies in the specialist areas of wood wholesale, wood wholesale, wood retail, raw wood trade and veneer trade.*

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