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SMITHERS VISCIENT APPOINTS SUSAN SHEPHERD AS PRESIDENT

WAREHAM, MA, USA – February 5, 2014 – [Smithers Viscient](http://www.smithersviscient.com) announced that Susan P. Shepherd has been appointed as President of Smithers Viscient. Shepherd will report to Smithers Group President and CEO, Michael Hochschwender.

Shepherd has responsibility for Smithers Viscient globally, including operations in Wareham, Massachusetts; Snow Camp, North Carolina; Harrogate, England; and Tokyo, Japan. Shepherd has nearly 30 years of service with Smithers Viscient. She has held high-level leadership positions within numerous business units, most recently as Vice President of Smithers Viscient North American Operations. She holds a B.S. degree in Natural Resource Management from Rutgers University and an M.B.A. from Babson College.

Shepherd will assume the role of President after a transition period to select and train her successor. During the interim period, she will remain in her current VP role, and Michael Hochschwender will serve as acting Smithers Viscient President.

“Susan is highly respected in the industry for her expertise, understanding of the market, and commitment to scientific excellence. Susan’s leadership skills, client focus, and attention to quality will help her lead the Smithers Viscient organization in further global growth.” said Hochschwender, President and CEO of The Smithers Group.

Former President Dr. Volker Bornemann will transition from his role at Smithers Viscient to a new position within The Smithers Group. As Executive Vice President of Acquisitions and Strategic Development, he will be involved in several projects focused on driving the strategic growth of the business.

Smithers Viscient delivers a comprehensive range of [ecotoxicology](#), [environmental fate](#), metabolism, [chemistry](#), and [toxicology](#) services, for the pharmaceutical, crop protection, chemical, and consumer household product industries. For more information about Smithers Viscient’s environmental regulatory testing solutions, visit www.smithersviscient.com.

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