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**PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SMITHERS VISCIENT HIRES VOLKER BORNEMANN AS PRESIDENT**

WAREHAM, MA, USA – July 7, 2011 – Smithers Viscient announced that Volker Bornemann, Ph.D. has joined Smithers Viscient as President. Mr. Bornemann will report to Smithers Group President and CEO, Michael Hochschwender.

Mr. Bornemann has responsibility for Smithers Viscient globally, including operations in Wareham, Massachusetts, Snow Camp, North Carolina, Horn, Switzerland, and Shawbury, England.

“Volker has a strong reputation in the industry as a leader and an innovator. He brings skills and experience that will allow the Smithers Viscient team to focus on our plans for continued global growth and scientific excellence,” said Smithers Group President and CEO, Michael Hochschwender.

Former President Don Surprenant, who has been with the company in leadership positions for 35 years and has been the architect of its current success, will continue his leadership contribution in the role of Executive Vice President of Business Development for Smithers Viscient. This move culminates a long term succession plan designed to ensure that the Smithers Viscient team has the necessary talent and skill set for the future.

Smithers Viscient delivers a comprehensive range of [ecotoxicology](#), [environmental fate](#), metabolism, [chemistry](#), [consulting](#) 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](http://www.smithersviscient.com), or call +1 508-295-2550.

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