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## **COLTENE with new management structure ad interim**

- **Former CEO Andreas Meldau has left the company**
- **Board member Erwin Locher assumes for the time being the leadership and management tasks as the Delegate of the Board of Directors**

**Altstätten/Switzerland, July 1, 2011. COLTENE Holding AG (SIX Swiss Exchange: CLTN)**, an internationally leading developer and producer of dental consumables, announced today that the departing CEO Andreas Meldau has left the company as of today. Until a new CEO will be introduced, Erwin Locher, Member of the Board of Directors, assumes the leadership and management tasks in the role of a Delegate of the Board of Directors together with the management team. The company is currently evaluating CEO candidates; COLTENE will inform the public once the position has been filled.

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### **About COLTENE**

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