**ELDICO appoints former CEO of Bruker-AXS to the Board**

**The Swiss deep-tech start-up ELDICO Scientific will now be supported on its board of directors by Dr. Martin Haase, an experienced top manager in the high-tech industry.**

Villigen (PARK INNOVAARE, PSI/West), 9th June 2020 - ELDICO Scientific, a Swiss deep-tech start-up and manufacturer of innovative electron diffractometers, has appointed Dr. Martin Haase to its board of directors. Dr. Haase, who holds a doctorate in chemistry, has many years of experience in the field of X-ray analysis. From 1994 to 2004 he was Managing Director of SIEMENS Röntgenanalytik and Bruker AXS, the world's leading supplier of X-ray diffractometers. He then held other management positions in industry, including CEO of Heraeus Kulzer, the dental division of the precious metals and technology group Heraeus, and Managing Director of Leica Microsystems CMS. Today he is active as an investor and interim manager in the technology and health care sectors with several investments.

"Martin Haase is an experienced top manager with a long track record of operational success in the high-tech industry. As Managing Director of SIEMENS Röntgenanalytik, he played a major role in the sale of the division to Bruker and the subsequent IPO of Bruker AXS," explains **Nils Gebhardt, Chairman of the Board of Directors and CFO of ELDICO Scientific**. "Martin knows our market well and is very familiar with ELDICO's technology. With this experience he is a welcome addition to our board of directors and will be providing additional strategic impetus to ELDICO's corporate development."

"ELDICO has the opportunity to bring decisive new momentum to structural elucidation with a highly innovative instrument concept. I look forward to working with the team of founders and trust that my many years of industrial experience in the field of highly complex, technically demanding analytical and imaging instrumentation will contribute to the company’s success," says **Dr. Martin Haase**, commenting on his appointment.

ELDICO is preparing to launch the first dedicated electron diffractometer, i.e. one specifically designed for nanocrystallographic research. The first device is expected to be ready for use at the customer's site in the first quarter of 2021. Product development is currently in full swing. Nano-crystallography has a broad field of application, but specific devices are not yet available. Future users of ELDICO's technology include research institutes in science and industry, pharmaceutical companies, and contract research organizations (CROs) as well as companies in the agrochemical and nanotechnology sectors.

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| Photo Caption: | New Board Member: Dr. Martin Haase, former CEO of Bruker-AXS, brings his experience to ELDICO Scientific. |

About ELDICO Scientific AG

ELDICO Scientific AG (The Electron Diffraction Company) is a Swiss hardware company founded in 2019 and based in the [Switzerland Innovation Park Innovaare](https://www.parkinnovaare.ch/) at the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI), a globally leading Swiss research institute for natural and engineering sciences. ELDICO develops, manufactures and sells novel instruments for electron diffraction in crystallography, enabling nanocrystalline solid state analysis in the sub-micrometer range. Specific instruments are not yet available on the market today. ELDICO will be launching the first instrument specifically designed for nano-crystallographic investigations. The proof of concept was achieved in 2018 (ETH Zurich, C-CINA Basel) on scientifically and industrially relevant samples. It was published in 2018 and awarded as a Top 5 ["Breakthrough of the Year 2018"](https://vis.sciencemag.org/breakthrough2018/finalists/#rapid-structure) by leading scientific journal *SCIENCE*. In 2020, ELDICO took second place in the competition for the prestigious pioneer prize awarded by Technopark Zurich and the Zürcher Kantonalbank (ZKB). [www.eldico-scientific.com](http://www.eldico-scientific.com)

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