



Prof. Dr. Michael Braungart and Drees & Sommer set up a joint venture, EPEA GmbH - Part of Drees & Sommer. EPEA Switzerland GmbH ownership by Albin Kälin GmbH remains.

In order to better support the development of environmentally effective products and processes based on the Cradle to Cradle® design principles, Prof Dr. Michael Braungart has decided to transfer the EPEA Internationale Umweltforschung GmbH activities to a new organization jointly owned by Michael Braungart and Drees & Sommer starting on 01.01.2019 as EPEA GmbH – Part of Drees & Sommer. The business and all legal relationships will be transferred to the new company. EPEA and Drees & Sommer have been working together in projects for years.

Founded in 2009, EPEA Switzerland GmbH continues to be owned by 100% Albin Kälin GmbH. The scientific project services will be carried out by the EPEA GmbH - Part of Drees & Sommer starting 1.1.2019. The previous successful cooperation between EPEA Switzerland GmbH will be continued with the newly founded EPEA GmbH - Part of Drees & Sommer.

Albin Kälin, CEO of EPEA Switzerland, congratulates Prof. Dr. Michael Braungart on this move and is looking forward to the new partnership with EPEA GmbH - Part of Drees & Sommer. Albin Kälin and Michael Braungart have a friendship and business relationship for over 25 years starting with the development of the Climatex fabrics, the first Cradle to Cradle® products in the world and as former CEOs of EPEA Int. Umweltforschung and EPEA Nederland.

As a partner of industry in the role as knowledge and innovation trustee and accredited assessor of Cradle to Cradle Certified™ certification, EPEA Switzerland has been able to implement and celebrate numerous breakthroughs of concrete innovations with industry in recent years: solutions to global problems of "microfibers", "bottles in the ocean", "toxic and non-recyclable packaging" have been created, such as biodegradable elastomers and polymers, reactive dyes or printing inks for packaging. These have been applied in areas such as flexible packaging, beverage bottles, parquet floors, luxury products, mattresses, workwear and outdoor textiles.

Companies and brands project references are: Archroma, Asahi Kasei, Bauwerk Parquet, Bayonix, Calida, Clariant, Climatex, Dystar, (Frog) Werner & Mertz + Erdal, Giroflex, Lauffenmühle, Pfister, Röwa, Siegwirk, tana chemistry, Tanatex Chemicals, Textilcolor, Trigema, USM, Vögeli, Windmüller, Wolford.

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EPEA Switzerland GmbH is an accredited general assessor for the Cradle to Cradle Certified™ certification. EPEA Switzerland GmbH supports companies in various fields of activity in the development and implementation of the Cradle to Cradle® design concept. EPEA Switzerland GmbH acts in the role as knowledge and innovation trustee. With an experienced, internationally oriented and interdisciplinary management team, Cradle to Cradle® projects are implemented in all industries in the Alpine region - and in the textile industry worldwide, and in close co-operation with EPEA GmbH - Part of Drees & Sommer in Hamburg, for the scientific assessments.

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Environmental Protection Encouragement Agency (EPEA) Internationale Umweltforschung GmbH, Hamburg, founded in 1987 by internationally renowned chemist Prof Dr. Michael Braungart. A team of scientists and industry consultants working for an international clientele to apply the "Cradle to Cradle®" concept to products, processes and services. The eco-effective solutions of the "Cradle to Cradle®" design maximizes the compatibility of products with biological systems and their performance. On the basis of clearly defined ingredients and safe material flow management economy, fairness and ecology are combined to an integrated product quality, which is clearly superior to conventional products.

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