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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **A number of Committees of the Association of European Businesses elected new chairmen**

On March 8, 2011 elections held by the Association of European Businesses revealed several new Committee Chairmen, i.e. Agribusiness Committee, Construction Industry and Building Material Suppliers' Committee, Home Appliances Committee, Machine Building and Engineering Committee.

Newly elected Committee Chairmen are as follows:

- Agribusiness Committee – Andrey Rogov (GR-director, John Deere);
- Construction Industry and Building Material Suppliers' Committee - Dr. Gerd Lenga (Chief Commissioner, KNAUF Group CIS);
- Home Appliances Committee – Hans-Kersten Hrubesch, General Director (OOO "BSH Bytowaja Technika");
- Machine Building and Engineering Committee - Philippe Pegorier (Country President, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, Alstom).

Frank Schauff, the Chief Executive Officer of the AEB, notes: *"The meaning of AEB Committees' work is hard to overestimate, as they play a very important role in attracting European investments into Russian Economy. Headed by the new Committee Chairmen, AEB Committees will continue to work towards finding solutions for the issues faced by the industry and companies represented in them. We are also very pleased to see the formation of a new Committee within the AEB – the Committee for Construction Industry and Building Material Suppliers"*.

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