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Editorial

HR going forward

Since June, preparations for the merger have had an excellent start. Joint Huntsman-Clariant working groups on the individual workstreams set the ball rolling for a successful merger of equals. Head of Group HR Michael Riedel shares an update on preparations for Human Resources processes and organizations.

In the first week of September, the Merger Management Team gathered for another meeting in The Woodlands, Texas, for joint Huntsman-Clariant working groups planning the details for operational procedures for the phases after closing of the merger.

The working groups comprised a similar number of representatives from both companies focused on planning the HuntsmanClariant operational setup along with procedures for day 1 readiness the first day after the closing of the merger and the first year thereafter.

When the merger workstreams started, everyone in HR was very curious to get to know the other HR organization. Topics on the agenda included the structural setup under a joint HuntsmanClariant organization, HR information systems, the team size, HR processes and how they are organized.

Aligning HR organizations

Overall, team sizes are similar across the companies and Huntsman and Clariant cluster a portion of their HR activities in Centers of Expertise and use cloud-based information systems. However, systems differ: Huntsman has been using Workday for years whereas Clariant recently introduced MySuccess as the core HR system. Both companies are strongly committed to talent development and performance management.

Service levels and the relationship of HR to the business are organized differently in the two companies. The current Clariant setup is a centralized function with a process-driven focus while at Huntsman, HR works closer with the business utilizing regional and global HR business partners. A further difference lies in the organizational setup of HR compliance and data privacy related activities, which are covered in both companies in different organizations (e.g. data privacy in HR at Huntsman while in legal at Clariant).

Getting ready for day 1 and beyond

The work conducted during the first week of September in The Woodlands, Texas has served as the basis for further planning and identification of synergies.

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We are in the process of preparing a joint proposal for a combined HR organization for review and approval by the Merger Steering Committee. This proposal will equitably combine the best practices of both organizations, including plans for capturing the synergies of a joint optimal HR organization for the new combined company. HR merger talks are on time and we are making progress to prepare for a closing in December 2017/January 2018. We intend to keep you apprised of major developments.

From day 1 on, the real work will start. We are looking forward to starting a new joint HR function, with new and fresh ideas at HuntsmanClariant.

Stay tuned for more merger updates! People Matters will keep you posted on the progress of HR workstreams.

Read more on InSite:

Further information can be found on the Insite pages entitled [Merger Team Meets to Get Ready for Day 1](#) and [HuntsmanClariant Merger Information](#).

HR sub-workstreams covered in merger preparations

- 1) Operating model
 - 2) 3rd party spend optimization
 - 3) Payroll & employee service center
 - 4) HRIS/technology assessment
 - 5) Senior management development versus organizational development
 - 6) Recruitment & onboarding
 - 7) Compensation & benefits
 - 8) International assignments
 - 9) Day 1 readiness
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