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Gabriel Källberg replaced Bernt Björklund as Plant Manager of Optinova Jomala

Optinova Jomala has appointed Gabriel Källberg as Plant Manager as of February 1st, 2022. After a two-week transition period, Gabriel Källberg has now formally taken over plant manager duties from Acting Plant Manager, Bernt Björklund as of February 14th, 2022.

Gabriel joins us from Cytiva, a global life science company. Before Cytiva, Gabriel has held several leadership positions in other pharmaceutical and extrusion companies, including Operations Manager at Habia Teknofluor AB, Logistics Manager at Plusvardag AB, and Production Manager at Fresenius Kabi AB.

"Gabriel Källberg is a modern and ambitious leader," says Anders Wiklund, CEO, Optinova Group. "With decades of experience in production, logistics, and quality control in the pharmaceutical industry and the extrusion business, Gabriel will prove to be a great fit for Optinova Jomala in its transformative journey to redefine the field of advanced industrial extrusion manufacturing."

As Plant Manager of Optinova Jomala, Gabriel will report to the CEO of Optinova Group. Gabriel has moved from Uppsala, Sweden to the Åland islands with his partner as he assumed the new position.

"The first two weeks have been educational, and I was very impressed with what our team at Optinova Jomala has achieved both in terms of production capabilities and company culture over the years," says Gabriel Källberg, Plant Manager, Optinova Jomala. "Having met our colleagues from most of Optinova's functions in Åland during the onboarding process, I have great confidence in our outlook given the very skilled and professional staff. A few opportunities that I am having my eye on include a new equipment that will help us increase our PTFE capacity

significantly, an expansion of our extrusion hall that makes our plant even more efficient and sustainable, and a market launch for a product capability that has never been introduced at Optinova before. It is an exciting journey ahead and I cannot wait to start working together with the team at Optinova Jomala and our customers on these projects."

Gabriel Källberg has succeeded Bernt Björklund who would be leaving Optinova Jomala to return to his duties at Optinova Godby. Bernt Björklund has done a great job in his capacity as Acting Plant Manager of Optinova Jomala while the recruitment process for a new Plant Manager at Optinova Jomala was carried out.

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