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Dr Mika Lahtinen (Photo: Omni United)

Dr Mika Lahtinen is the new Associate Vice President, Raw Materials and Compounding at Omni United. Announcing the appointment, the tyre designer, manufacturer and distributor says that Lahtinen's addition to the team further strengthens the company's technical capabilities and innovation roadmap for its flagship Radar Tyres brand.

Bringing more than 20 years of experience in tyre material innovation to his new role, Dr Lahtinen will lead Omni United's raw materials strategy and compound development, enabling a more scientific and integrated approach to materials development, research and rubber compounding across the Radar Tyres portfolio. His expertise and deep expertise in the development of advanced rubber compounds and raw material technologies will play a key role in further advancing compound technology to enhance tyre performance, durability, and safety.

Accelerating laboratory & materials science capabilities

Prior to joining Omni United, Dr Lahtinen held senior roles in global tyre and materials companies. During a decade working at Nokian Tyres, he led material development, and later spearheaded global technology development for tyre oils at Nynas, working across Europe and Asia. He holds a PhD in Polymer Materials Technology and is widely recognised as a leading expert in tyre materials and compound innovation.

performance and attributes, it is now time we further strengthen our capabilities on the materials development and rubber compounding side as well. We have established a global multi-national manufacturing footprint and a strong design and R&D capability, and with Dr Lahtinen joining us, we are now accelerating our laboratory and materials science capabilities. We are confident that Dr Lahtinen will lead the development of a strong team of scientists who will further propel the brand and help solidify our promise of Premium Accessibility, which is delivering premium performance to customers at an accessible cost."

With this appointment, Omni United "continues to invest in advanced materials research and compound development as part of its broader strategy to enhance performance, durability, and sustainability across the Radar Tyres portfolio."

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