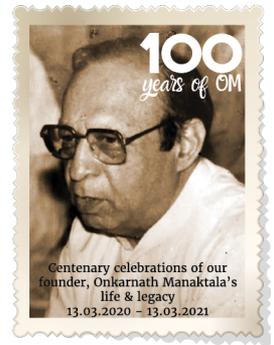


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Kumar Metal Industries appoints industry veteran Biju George Palayil as CEO to spearhead next phase of growth

Kumar Metal Industries, India's leading process engineering company for the Oils and Fats industry announced the appointment of Biju George Palayil, as the new CEO. In his role as CEO, Biju will diversify the Kumar Metals product portfolio, spearhead business development and expand the company's footprint into newer geographies.

Biju brings immense capability, with a formidable background in Marketing, Operations and Project Management going back 27 years. He is a Bachelor of Science (Tech.) with a specialization in Oil Technology from Nagarjuna University and an alumnus of the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad, where he was awarded an Masters in Business Administration.

Biju started his career at VVF India, where he progressed from Trainee Engineer to President Director in 17 years. He then accepted leadership positions in Indonesia where he was stationed for over 5 years. Biju was CEO of a large Engineering company, where he was responsible for doubling the turnover in just two years, before accepting his position at Kumar. He added new oleo-chemicals to the company's portfolio, including bio-diesel projects in the international and domestic markets.



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The Board of Directors of Kumar Metal Industries, expressed their delight at Biju coming on board, saying, “Biju has had a remarkable career in the industry. His knowledge and expertise will help us diversify into oleochemicals, bio-diesels and strengthen our extraction, refinery and oil mill production lines. We are confident that he will implement robust business strategies and global best practices and lead our teams with focus and elan. We look forward to this new phase in Kumar's evolution with much enthusiasm”.

Commenting about his role at Kumar, Biju said , “I am grateful for this opportunity to lead Kumar Metal Industries. I have long held this company and its founders in high esteem for the legacy they have created spanning eight decades. The Kumar name is synonymous with good values, sound business practices and credibility in international markets. Kumar's strength and capabilities lie in its talent pool, which is knowledgeable, committed and dedicated to meeting customers' expectations. I also look forward to working closely with the board to enhance the company's brand image and global footprint in new markets. Together with my colleagues I hope to write new chapters of robust growth, and drive positive impact in the lives of all our stakeholders.”

Biju will report into the Board of Directors and the Executive Board of Directors on routine matters.

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Kumar Metal Industries is a process engineering company manufacturing advanced oil mills, edible oil refineries, oils and fats processing plants, oleo-chemical plants, bio-diesel plants and feed mills for companies all over the world.

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Since 2003, the company has been in a joint venture and technical collaboration with industry leaders, Crown Iron Works–USA and Europa Crown–UK. The company also manufactures and sells Anderson International Corp extraction and extrusion equipment in India under licence.

Kumar Metal Industries is ISO 9001-2015 company certified by TUV NORD with CE and ATEX accreditations and incorporates advanced Crown technology in the design, manufacture and supply of solvent extraction and oil refining plants in a wide range of capacities. Through hard work, integrity and emphasis on responsive service, the company has gained the trust of more than 500 customers spread over 60 countries worldwide.

What started as a small fabrication unit in 1939, today employs over 400 skilled technicians, quality control personnel, trained workers in manufacturing and fabrication units spanning over 23,000 sq. meters with the latest in precision European machinery.

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