



PRESS RELEASE

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## Ovako appoints new President of Business Area Bar Imatra

**Janne Pirttijoki** has been appointed President of Business Area Bar Imatra and will join Ovako's group management. Janne Pirttijoki comes from a position as Head of Product Group Tubes and Sections at SSAB, and has extensive experience from senior positions at Ruukki. Janne Pirttijoki will take up his appointment on 1 August.

"We are delighted to welcome Janne to Ovako. He will make an excellent contribution to the group's focus on efficient processes and customer orientation," says Tom Erixon, President and CEO of Ovako.

**Heikki Nyholm**, President of Business Area Bar Imatra, will become the new President of Ovako Metals and of Ovako's sales and distribution unit in Turenki. Heikki Nyholm will take up his new appointment on 1 September and will report to Göran Nyström, EVP Marketing and Technology.

**Håkan Eriksson**, President of Ovako Metals, will retire on 1 September.

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*Our production is based on recycled scrap and includes steel in the form of bar, tube, ring and pre-components. Ovako is represented in more than 30 countries, and has sales offices in Europe, North America and Asia. Ovako's sales in 2014 amounted to EUR 862 million, and the company had 2,925 employees at year-end. For more information, please visit us at [www.ovako.com](http://www.ovako.com)*