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## Dulimex ready for further growth with investor 5square.

Dulimex, importer, stock keeping wholesaler and European distributor of an extensive range of (building) hardware, hinges and locks, chains and wire ropes, has taken a new step towards growth together with investment company 5square. 5square, together with Ronald Taling, has acquired the shares of Dulimex. This provides a solid basis to strengthen the growth strategy that has been initiated.

Taco Suerink, the current managing director and co-shareholder, will pass the baton to Ronald Taling. Taling is no stranger to the industry; he was CEO of Intersteel for many years. Suerink is leaving the company after 30 years in which he and his team have built Dulimex into a reliable player with a strong market position. Dulimex has grown strongly through product development under its own DX® brand, distributorships of strong European brands and four acquisitions. This resulted in an efficient and streamlined organization with an important function in the supply chain.

Suerink feels that now is an appropriate time to say goodbye: "Together with a professional and capable team, we have built a strong proposition in recent years. With Ronald Taling as my successor, I am confident that Dulimex can build on the success of recent years."

Ronald Taling: "Dulimex is a strong brand with an excellent reputation. I look forward to working with the team to further shape the growth ambitions."

Investor 5square is also no stranger to the hardware market. Mark Gitsels, partner at 5square: "Ronald and 5square have worked together successfully before. We are going to focus on product development and strengthening the (inter)national market position. Taco has laid a great foundation for this."