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AgTech company that relocated from Mass. to CT announces new CEO



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Anthony Klemm, newly appointed CEO of Enko Chem Inc.

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Agriculture tech company Enko Chem Inc. has a new leader.

The Mystic-based business has announced that Anthony Klemm will take over as CEO, succeeding founder Jacqueline Heard. Heard will remain part time as an advisor to the company.

Klemm was most recently vice president of global business development at Corteva Agriscience, and has also previously worked at Dow AgroSciences and DowDuPont.

Enko is developing sustainable crop protection products, boosting its chemical discovery process through the application of AI. Its products target issues including pest resistance and new diseases.

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Enko has raised \$150 million through two major fundraising rounds, its Series B led by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and then a Series C, led by strategic partner Nufarm and including funding from Connecticut Innovations, the state's quasi-public venture capital arm.

"Enko's pioneering approach to crop protection, leveraging AI-driven innovation, has already established a strong foundation for redefining how we develop solutions that are not only effective but also responsible for the planet," said Klemm in a statement announcing the change of leadership.

Heard founded Enko in 2017 in Woburn, Mass., but moved to the Mystic facility — a former Pfizer and then Monsanto property — in 2021, attracted by tailor-made greenhouse space to test its growing products pipeline.

"I am incredibly proud of what Enko has accomplished," says Heard. "This planned transition aligns well with Enko's needs to support the commercialization of products, expand partnerships, and grow future discovery."



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