

Rignall named COO at Bleachtech

CONGLOMERATE ANSA McAL yesterday announced the appointment of Adam N Sabga as Group chief operating officer.

The company also named Tauna Rignall as the new chief operating officer of Bleachtech, which ANSA McAL acquired in November.

Both appointments took effect on June 16.

According to a release from ANSA McAL, the designation of Group COO recognises Sabga as a key member of the conglomerate's executive leadership team.

'He will drive enterprise- wide operational excellence and support the execution of the Group's diversified strategy across sectors. He will also be responsible for ensuring that all operational pillars are robust, agile, and aligned with the Group's corporate vision and values, and delivering value to shareholders, customers, employees, and communities across the region,' it stated.

Sabga's immediate past role was Group chief performance officer. He held several roles within the ANSA McAL Group over the past 17 years, including general manager of ABEL Building Solutions, managing director of Standard Distributors Ltd, and sector head of Construction.

'He holds a degree in Civil Engineering from The University of the West Indies and an Executive MBA from the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business. We are confident that he will contribute significantly to the Group's operations and growth agenda during a critical chapter in our evolution,' ANSA McAL stated.

Last November, ANSA McAL announced the acquisition of US-based chlor-alkali producer Bleachtech LLC, via its US subsidiary ANSA Chemicals US LLC, for a purchase price of US\$327 million.

It marked the largest acquisition in the 143-year history of the conglomerate.

Bleachtech, based in Cleveland, Ohio, operates two chlor-alkali plants in Seville, Ohio and Petersburg, Virginia that produce sodium hypochlorite (bleach), sodium hydroxide (caustic soda) and hydrochloric acid.

Rignall will be responsible for advancing Bleachtech's 'operational strategy, driving performance across all functions, and cultivating a culture of excellence, agility, and accountability,' ANSA McAL stated.

ANSA McAL stated that Rignall joined the conglomerate with 'nearly two decades of experience leading high-impact operations across the energy, infrastructure, and climate technology sectors.'

'With a proven track record of organisational transformation, process improvement, and strategic growth, Tauna brings the kind of leadership that aligns perfectly with our vision for Bleachtech's future,' it stated.

'Her journey includes key leadership roles in industry innovators such as Independence Hydrogen, Aether Fuels, Enviva, and DCP Midstream, where she led complex, cross-functional teams and capital-intensive projects,' ANSA McAL stated.

Rignall holds a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and a Bachelor's

degree in Chemistry from Adams State University.

'Her passion for innovation, people, and purpose- driven leadership aligns directly with our mission. As we continue to scale and evolve, her operational insight and forward-thinking mindset will be instrumental in shaping Bleachtech's next chapter,' it stated.