

it will have every opportunity to further expand.

The move to Nijmegen will bring the office of Alpha International closer to its state of the art distribution centre in Wijchen. However, distance was not the main reason for the move. 'Our distribution centre still has lots of space for further expansion, but our head office in Lent was really becoming too small', says director Ralph Wouters van den Oudenweijer. 'Alpha International has been growing rapidly in recent years and we can still see new opportunities to achieve successes together with our customers. So we needed to adjust the organisation. In Lent, this was no longer possible.'

The new office on Wijchenseweg offers sufficient space for this growth and is also close to the A73 motorway, making it just as easy to access as the old building on the A325. The move took place over the weekend of 17-19 December.

New product group of surface protection products

CCM GmbH in Overath is promoting under the "Quantum LiquiGlas®" brand a new product group of surface protection products for use in the office, home and car.

Through simple application (i.e. applying the solution with a pre-impregnated wipe) a layer is applied to a surface which then becomes treated through a chemical process. The layer is 500 times thinner than a human hair, invisible and has no feel, but CCM says it still gives extraordinary



properties: surfaces will become anti-microbial with viruses with bacteria unable to survive and also become easier to clean and stay looking cleaner for longer.

The R&D partner of CCM GmbH is Nanopool GmbH from Hülzweiler that have already won and gained national

and international environment awards for this technology, including the 'Baden-Württemberg environment prize' and the 'Green Apple Award' (national prize in England).

So far this year Nanopool technology has been broadcasted worldwide on over 200 TV stations and was broadcasted as 'Hightec Innovation Made in Germany' with even Chinese national TV broadcasting the technology.

Nanopool and CCM have now protected the new brand and CCM

is responsible for sales and marketing worldwide. Within an office environment the products could be used on multimedia products such as the iPad, iPhone, TFT screens and computers. The products could also be used on chairs, glass and plastic surfaces.

CCM will be presenting these products for the first time at Paperworld in Frankfurt.

BOSS Award winners announced

Leading companies in the UK stationery and office products industry got together in October for the annual BOSS awards at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London.

The outstanding achievement award, which recognises the major contribution that one particular individual has made to the long term success of the office products business, was given to Alan Barclay of Vasanta.

The award winners were:

Brand Awareness Award: **Oxford** (Hamelin Paperbrands)

Business Technology Award: (Up to £5m annual turnover) **Paperstone**

Business Technology Award: (£5m+ annual turnover) **Office Depot**

Catalogue of the Year Award: **Blue Fish Office Products**

Dealer Excellence Award (up to 5m): **Everything Office**

Dealer Excellence Award (5m+): **Penketh's**

The Entrepreneur of the Year: **Luke Chapman**, BP Group

The Environment Award (Manufacturers) **Kyocera Mita**

The Environment Award (Dealers, Dealer Groups, Resellers and Distributors): **Office Friendly** and **Office Depot**

Manufacturing Excellence Award (Up to £10m annual turnover): **Trodatt UK**

Manufacturing Excellence Award (£10m+ annual turnover): **Brother UK**

Manufacturers' Marketing Excellence: **Fellowes**

Resellers' Marketing Excellence Award: **Penketh's**

The Retailer Excellence (Independent) awards): **UOE**

The Retailer Excellence (multiple): **Tesco**

Young professional: **David Kelly**



The 2010 award winners take the stage.



Alan Barclay of Vasanta picked up the outstanding achievement award.



Esselte UK were well represented at the BOSS Awards.