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“Brilliant” Claus Hviid Christensen, Nexus CEO, receives honorary doctorate from SDU

One of Denmark’s leading academic institutions has presented an honorary doctorate degree to Claus Hviid Christensen, CEO of Nexus, for his contribution to science.

The prestigious award was announced by the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) on 26 October 2018 with Henrik Bindslev, Dean of its Technical Faculty, describing Claus as “a brilliant researcher with a sky-high h-index.” The h-index measures the impact of a scientist based on the number of citations their papers have received in other publications.

Mr Bindslev also singled out Claus Hviid Christensen’s ability to take fundamental research and apply it successfully in a commercial environment. “[He] is working on the basic-level science, creating new insights, and on the practical level, making new inventions – putting them into use and following through with them,” he said.

Nexus is an independent company that provides research & development services to Palsgaard’s emulsifiers and stabilizers business. Claus Hviid Christensen, who was appointed Nexus CEO in March 2017, said the honorary doctorate had “come out of the blue”, adding: “My immediate reaction was deep astonishment. But once the news had sunk in I felt very proud and very honoured.”

He continued: “Many times I’ve seen how hard it is to do truly excellent research, and many times I’ve seen how hard it is to do business and develop products. Both are incredibly difficult. But for me the ultimate intellectual challenge is to do both at the same time: do highly ambitious research which can be directly applied to products and new services.”

A short video explaining the decision to award Claus Hviid Christensen the doctorate and his reaction can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fbcki7UuZm4>

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About Palsgaard

100 years ago, Palsgaard founder Einar Schou invented the modern food emulsifier – and laid the foundations of an unrelenting focus on developing sustainable ingredients.

Today, the name of Palsgaard has become synonymous with manufacturing emulsifiers and stabilizers for the global confectionery, dairy, bakery, mayonnaise, margarine and related food industries. And the fast-growing company has production plants in Denmark, Mexico, Brazil, Malaysia and the Netherlands.

Palsgaard helps manufacturers who want to protect and grow their brands to meet consumer and regulatory demands for greater responsibility. In fact, it is currently the world's only commercial source of fully sustainable, emulsifiers based on RSPO SG certified palm oil and produced by CO₂-neutral factories. The company's products are non-GMO, and meet halal and kosher requirements, too.

As a foundation-owned company, Palsgaard is uniquely able to focus on innovations in sustainable ingredients. Recently, for example, it began applying the advantages of sustainable emulsifiers to the polymers industry.