Bengaluru – India's biotech major Biocon on Sunday announced the appointment of international pharma specialist Christiana Hamacher as the new CEO of its subsidiary Biocon Biologics Ltd.

"Hamacher brings with her over 20 years of leadership experience in strategic and operational roles across the value chain in global pharma, spanning Asia, Europe and the US," said the city-based firm in a statement.

Before joining Biocon, Hamacher was with Swiss-based drug major Roche since 2007 in Basel and prior to that with German firm Schering AG in Berlin.

"Christiane joins us at a time when we are building our stature to grow as a biologics biopharma," said Biocon's chairman, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, in a statement.

"As a woman leader, she brings a diverse perspective which is an integral part of the company's leadership journey.

During her long career in the pharma sector, Hamacher has built expertise in oncology, cardiovascular, urology, gynecology, diabetes, and rare diseases.

"Hamacher has experience in setting up global operations, sales and building relationships for achieving results. Hamacher has a doctorate in molecular biology from the University of Bochum in Germany. She also studied Economics at the University of Fagen in Germany."