

SGL Group named as One of the Most Innovative Companies in the Materials and Construction Materials Production Sector in the “2016 Innovator of the Year” Survey

Wiesbaden, May 2, 2016. SGL Group – The Carbon Company – has been recognized as one of Germany’s most innovative companies in a sector-wide survey by brand eins Wissen and Statista. Within the study under the title “2016 Innovator of the Year”, SGL Group is particularly impressive with its products and services as well as its groundbreaking processes.

The study by brand eins Wissen and Statista is based on recommendations from around 6,500 experts regarding the country’s leading innovators in their specific industry. These recommendations were then sorted in a ranking list and assessed on a sector-by-sector basis. In the sector “production and processing of materials and construction materials”, SGL Group came third, behind first-place Heraeus Holding GmbH and second-place Linde AG. A total of 256 companies in 20 sectors made it onto the leader board.

Tilo Hauke, head of research at SGL Group, said: “We are delighted with this accolade. It shows that our customers and partners see and recognize our innovation skills. This is obviously a further motivation to step up technological development in our key markets.”

About SGL Group – The Carbon Company

SGL Group is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of carbon-based products and materials. It has a comprehensive portfolio ranging from carbon and graphite products to carbon fibers and composites. SGL Group’s core competencies are its expertise in high-temperature technology as well as its applications and engineering know-how gained over many years. These competencies enable the Company to make full use of its broad material base. SGL Group’s carbon-based materials combine several unique properties such as very good electrical and thermal conductivity, heat and corrosion resistance as well as high mechanical strength combined with low weight. Due to industrialization in the growth regions of Asia and Latin America and increased substitution of traditional with innovative materials, there is a growing demand for SGL Group’s high-performance materials and products. Products from SGL Group are used predominantly in the steel, aluminum, automotive and chemical industries as well as in the semiconductor, solar and LED sectors and in lithium-ion batteries. Carbon-based materials and products are also being used increasingly in the wind power, aerospace and defense industries.

With 41 production sites in Europe, North America and Asia as well as a service network covering more than 100 countries, SGL Group is a company with a global presence. In 2015, the Company’s workforce of around 5,700 employees generated sales of €1,323 million. The Company’s head office is located in Wiesbaden.

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