

## **SGL Group: Awarded TOP Innovator 2016**

*Wiesbaden, June 27, 2016.* The SGL Group – The Carbon Company – has been honored as one of the TOP 100 most innovative German companies. It is the fifth time that the company has received this award, which was handed over during the German SME Summit in Essen last Friday by Ranga Yogeshwar, the Top 100 mentor and science journalist.

Dr. Tilo Hauke, Head of Group Research: “We are very pleased about this award, which is an additional motivation and obligation for the future. With our innovations we support the developments in the field of the megatrends mobility, energy supply and digitization. It is our clear objective to accelerate time to market of our product innovations and new applications.”

Especially the material and process expertise built up over many years linked to the strategic bundling of research and development in one central organization as well as the number of patents submitted convinced the jury this year.

Since 1993 compamedia has been awarding the TOP 100 signet for exceptional innovation capacity and outstanding innovative success to medium-sized companies. In 2002, the scientific lead has been taken over by Prof. Nikolaus Franke from the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration.

### 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 40 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.

*Further information on SGL Group can be found in SGL Group's newsroom at [www.sglgroup.com/press](http://www.sglgroup.com/press) or at [www.sglgroup.com](http://www.sglgroup.com).*

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