

## **SGL Group awarded Supplier of the Year by Siltronic**

*Wiesbaden, November 9, 2016.* SGL Group – The Carbon Company – was named “Supplier of the Year 2015 / Excellent Delivery Performance and Business Relationship” by Siltronic AG, a global leader in the market for hyperpure silicon wafers, as one of the company's best suppliers.

Johannes Moritz, Head of Purchasing of Siltronic AG: “SGL Group is leading and worldwide operating in the graphite industry and is a very important partner for us in the context of our crystal growing and epitaxy processes. We appreciate SGL Group’s high commitment in this very competitive environment, to keep their cost and innovation leadership. Together we benefit from this long-term partnership and the continuous development of SGL with regards to the topics yield, quality, and price. We are glad to honor this commitment with our award.”

Burkhard Straube, Head of business unit Graphite Materials & System (GMS) of SGL Group, says, "Of course we are very delighted about winning this award and the thereby expressed trust in our company. Nevertheless it is also motivation for further innovations and enhancements in the context of the long-time partnership with Siltronic and Wacker.”

For this award, given once a year, Siltronic evaluates key suppliers in the categories of customer satisfaction, quality, technology, product availability, and service. Additional factors such as complexity of products, and strategic relevance for Siltronic also go into the evaluation.

Among other things, SGL Group supplies Siltronic AG with heaters and crucibles of high-purity isostatic graphite and carbon fiber-reinforced carbon, as well as soft felt for insulation. They are used in systems for the manufacture of silicon wafers for semiconductor production. The high-temperature process of manufacturing high-purity monocrystalline silicon places tough requirements on system components. These include temperature and corrosion resistance as well as a high degree of material purity and long service life. As a result, the so-called "hot zone" for growing the silicon crystals consists almost entirely of graphite components. As supplier, SGL Group covers the entire bandwidth of system components.

As one of multiple drivers of the megatrends digitalization and mobility, components for the production of semiconductors for the telecommunications and automobile industries are an important part of the future direction of SGL Group.

### 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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