

News Release

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SGL Group extends funding for Carbon Composites Chair

Successful partnership enters second phase

SGL Group will renew its commitment to endowing the Chair of Carbon Composites (LCC) at the Technical University of Munich (TUM), which began eight years ago. The agreement for a six-year extension was signed by TUM president Prof. Wolfgang A. Herrmann and the SGL Group's CEO, Dr. Jürgen Köhler.

The Chair of Carbon Composites (LCC) was founded in May 2009, with a focus on carbon-fiber composite materials and their applications. The appointment of Prof. Klaus Drechsler was made possible through the foundation of a Chair by SGL Group and investments by TUM.

After the expiry of the foundation agreement, SGL Group will provide an additional EUR 1.2 million in funding for the work of the Chair. Dr. Jürgen Köhler, CEO of SGL Group said: "The cooperation with the Chair of Carbon Composites and Professor Drechsler, the head of the LCC, has proven invaluable to SGL in many respects. It is therefore logical for us to continue supporting the exchange of knowledge, the transfer of innovations, and the development of young talent."

President Herrmann said: "We are now entering the second phase with SGL Group. With this highly respected industrial partner, we will assume a leading role in driving advances in the field of light materials, including carbon composites, which will be very important in the future."

The chair serves as a bridge between fundamental research into carbon-fiber composite materials and their practical applications, especially in the automotive and aerospace engineering sectors.

In addition to providing financial support for research, the partnership is important to SGL Group above all for the resulting exchange of ideas with scientists. For instance, the company cooperated closely with the LCC in the validation of its product portfolio in the field of thermoplastic composite materials.

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 34 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 or at www.sglgroup.com. Contact Corporate Communications: Telephone +49 611 6029 100 / E-Mail: press@sglgroup.com

E-mail: press@sglgroup.com / www.sglgroup.com Technical University of Munich (TUM) is one of Europe's leading research universities, with more than 500 professors, around 10,000 academic and non-academic staff, and 40,000 students. Its focus areas are the engineering sciences, natural sciences, life sciences and medicine, combined with economic and social sciences. TUM acts as an entrepreneurial university that promotes talents and creates value for society. In that it profits from having strong partners in science and industry. It is represented worldwide with a campus in Singapore as well as offices in Beijing, Brussels, Cairo, Mumbai, San Francisco, and São Paulo. Nobel Prize winners and inventors such as Rudolf Diesel, Carl von Linde, and Rudolf Mößbauer have done research at TUM. In 2006 and 2012 it won recognition as a German "Excellence University." In international rankings, TUM regularly places among the best universities in Germany.