Dr. Torsten Derr to become new Chief Executive Officer of SGL Carbon SE

The Supervisory Board of SGL Carbon SE today appointed Dr. Torsten Derr as Chief Executive Officer of SGL Carbon SE for the duration of five years effective July 1, 2020. With this appointment, Dr. Derr is succeeding Dr. Jürgen Köhler, who resigned from his mandate as Chief Executive Officer of SGL Carbon SE effective August 31, 2019.

Since 2016, Dr. Torsten Derr is holding the position of Managing Director of SALTIGO GmbH, a subsidiary of LANXESS AG. Following his master degree and attainment of his PhD in chemistry at the University of Bremen, Dr. Derr began his professional career 1997 at Bayer AG, and since 2003 at LANXESS AG, where he was Vice President for Plastic Intermediates, Head of the Business Units Material Protection Products and EPDM-Elastomers, as well as holding various other management functions, amongst others as Head of Commercial & Supply Chain Excellence & Chief Commercial Officer of LANXESS AG. Dr. Torsten Derr is 50 years old and married.

Susanne Klatten, Chairwoman of the Supervisor Board of SGL Carbon SE, welcomes Dr. Torsten Derr: „The Supervisory Board is convinced that Dr. Derr is exceptionally qualified to lead SGL Carbon as Chief Executive Officer based on his management experience in an international environment, his knowledge of technology based growth markets, and his deep understanding of technologies. “

Dr. Torsten Derr is looking forward to his new position: „I am very happy about this new professional challenge as Chief Executive Officer at SGL Carbon SE. Together with my new colleagues, it is my intention to tap the full potential of SGL Carbon. “

Dr. Torsten Derr on LinkedIn
About SGL Carbon

SGL Carbon is a technology-based company and world leader in the development and production of carbon-based solutions. Its high-quality materials and products made from specialty graphite and composites are used in industrial sectors that determine the future: automotive, aerospace, solar and wind energy, semiconductor and LEDs as well as in the production of lithium-ion batteries, fuel cell and other energy storage systems. In addition, SGL Carbon develops solutions for chemical and industrial applications.

In 2018, SGL Carbon SE generated sales of around 1 billion euros. The company has approx. 5,100 employees at 31 locations in Europe, North America, and Asia.

Materials, products and solutions from SGL Carbon are embedded in the major topics of the future: sustainable mobility, new energies and cross-industry digitization. Further developments in these areas demand more intelligent, more efficient, networked and sustainable solutions. This is where the entrepreneurial vision of SGL Carbon evolves around: contributing to a smarter world.

Further information on SGL Carbon can be found at www.sglcarbon.com/press.

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