

PRESS RELEASE

Benteler-SGL inaugurates new production facility in Austria

- Benteler-SGL is expanding its capacities for the large-scale production of composite components for the automotive industry
- 70 new jobs in Ort im Innkreis, Austria

Ort im Innkreis, Austria, October 22, 2012. The new production facility of Benteler-SGL GmbH, a joint venture between Benteler Automobiltechnik GmbH and SGL Group, was officially inaugurated on October 18, 2012 in Ort im Innkreis, Austria. Composite components will be manufactured for the first time in serial production at the state-of-the-art 45,000 m² site starting in middle of 2013. Benteler-SGL is investing a total of € 36 million. Automobile manufacturers and customers of Benteler-SGL as well as representatives of the joint venture's parent companies were invited to the plant dedication.

Dr. Christian Howe, Managing Director of Benteler-SGL: "Benteler-SGL is taking another big step towards the serial production of composite components for the automotive industry with the new production plant in Ort im Innkreis. This will enable us to further expand our technological and market position in this rapidly growing market segment." Sebastian Grasser, Co-Managing Director of Benteler-SGL adds: "This investment is our response to the increasing demands of our customers. We are hard at work on automating the automotive component production further."

Benteler-SGL's product range now includes body shell components such as side blades, doors and visible carbon components. The company's customer base includes nearly all of the well-known automobile manufacturers, primarily from the premium class.

The subject of lightweight construction is becoming increasingly important for the automotive industry in light of more stringent CO₂ exhaust standards. Benteler-SGL is benefitting from the rising demand which this entails, since composite components aid in reducing fuel consumption and offer great safety at the same time. Composite materials are ideally suited for the field of electromobility in particular, which requires lighter building materials to compensate for the additional battery weight.

About Benteler-SGL

Benteler-SGL GmbH & Co. KG was founded in 2008 and is a joint venture of Benteler Automobiltechnik GmbH with headquarters in Paderborn, Germany, and SGL Group with headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany. The core competencies of SGL Group in material sciences and carbon fiber-based preliminary products are complemented by the market and engineering technical competence of Benteler, a tier 1 supplier to the automotive sector for many years. Beginning in 2009, the joint venture company additionally took over the automobile business unit of Composite Technology GmbH in Ried im Innkreis, Austria, from the Fischer Group. The production has been systematically built up since that time. Today, 150 employees work at Benteler-SGL, twice as many as in 2009.

More information can be found at www.benteler-sgl.com

About Benteler Automobiltechnik GmbH – Intelligent solutions for the automobile world

Based in Paderborn, Germany, Benteler Automobiltechnik GmbH is one of three business divisions of the internationally active Benteler Group. With about 22,200 employees in 20 development and sales offices and 74 plants in 29 countries, it develops and produces ready-to-install modules, components and parts for body, chassis and engine. With the Product Groups Structures, Chassis, Modules, Engine and Exhaust Systems, Benteler Engineering Services and Benteler Mechanical Engineering, the company is one of the world-wide largest independent subcontractors to the automotive industry. As a full-service supplier to practically all large vehicle manufacturers, Benteler Automobiltechnik offers customer-oriented solutions in the areas of safety, environment, and efficiency for a broadly diversified product range. Integrated lightweight construction remains the focus of these manifold activities.

With 29,400 employees, the Benteler Group generated revenues of 7.1 billion euros in 2011. The international headquarters, Benteler International AG, is in Salzburg, Austria.

More information can be found at www.benteler.com

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 47 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 2011, the Company's workforce of around 6,500 employees generated sales of 1,540 million euros. The Company's head office is located in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Further information about SGL Group can be found online at: www.sglgroup.com

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