

## **Press Release**

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SGL Carbon: Moody's rating upgrade

The Corporate Family Rating of SGL Carbon SE was raised to B3 by the renowned rating agency "Moody's Investors Services". At the same time, Moody's confirmed the B3 rating of the guaranteed senior secured notes (maturity: September 2024). As part of the upgrade, the outlook for the Company was changed from positive to stable.

The upgrade of SGL Carbon's corporate family rating to B3 is in particular based on the significant improvement of the company's liquidity profile over the last 12 months, the solid business development in 2021 and the expectation that SGL Carbon will continue to reflect the achieved credit metrics for the B3 rating in the next 12 to 18 months.

"We are pleased that the success of the transformation started at the end of 2020, the stabilization of our financial fundamentals and in particular the improvement of our liquidity situation are reflected in the Moody's upgrade. We also see the upgrade as a motivation to improve further," explains Thomas Dippold, CFO of SGL Carbon SE.

## **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. 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.

In 2021, SGL Carbon SE generated sales of approx. 1 billion euros. The company has approx. 4,700 employees at 31 locations in Europe, North America, and Asia.

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

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