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Changes in the leadership

Florian Werner to become new CEO at Interzero Plastics Recycling

Berlin/Cologne. Florian Werner will take over as CEO of Interzero Plastics Recycling, a segment of Europe's leading provider of recycling solutions, Interzero. The focus of his activities will be on the further expansion of the segment, which is known for its innovation in plastics recycling and, with over 800,000 tonnes per year, the largest sorting capacity in Europe.

Florian Werner's work will focus on the strategic development and the deepening of value creation. The measures already started to increase the performance and sorting quality of the plants, as well as the increase in the degree of recycling for plastics - for example, for the provision of plastic waste for chemical recycling - are an excellent starting position, on which it is now necessary to build further. In addition, the final integration process into the Interzero group of companies, which was newly created this year, is in full swing.

"I am looking forward to the new tasks at Interzero. In many industries, the consistent closing of material cycles is moving more and more into the center of attention. Implementing innovative solutions together with the international Interzero team and our customers and thus contributing to a more sustainable use of raw materials is an exciting task on the pulse of time. As an innovation leader and Europe's largest plastics sorter, with its people, team spirit and wealth of experience, the Interzero Group is excellently positioned for this," Florian Werner emphasizes.

Dr Axel Schweitzer, Chairman and Shareholder of Interzero, is looking forward to the cooperation and states: "Florian Werner, with his experience from previous professional stations and with his way of advancing strategic development and at the same time tackling change measures and transformation, is an excellent fit for our company, our team and of course our vision of a world without waste. I wish him every success in his new exciting tasks and look forward to working together with our entire team."

The CEO of Interzero Plastics Recycling GmbH, Stephan Schwarz, has left his position on 01 November 2022 to join ArcelorMittal. This step was planned and closely coordinated with Dr Axel Schweitzer, shareholder and chairman of Interzero, as a result of the sale of the former ALBA International Recycling metal companies to the steel company.

Dr Axel Schweitzer emphasizes: "Due to the excellent cooperation over many years, we very much regret the departure of Stephan Schwarz. He has decisively developed and advanced

our companies both in Europe and in Asia. Personally, I have always greatly appreciated his ability to lead with great know-how in dynamic change situations. We wish Stephan Schwarz all the best personally and professionally. "

Florian Werner previously worked for the Swiss technology group OC Oerlikon AG, where he was head of the "Materials" business unit with locations in the USA, Canada, Germany and China and drove its successful turnaround. In addition, he held various management positions in the plant engineering, metal and steel industries - among others, as Program Manager at Klöckner & Co SE, as Senior Vice President at the management consultancy AlixPartners, as well as with the plant manufacturer and machinery trader Ferrostaal. Florian Werner studied economics at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena.

About Interzero:

Interzero is one of the leading service providers in the field of closing product, material and logistics loops as well as innovation leader in plastics recycling with the largest sorting capacity in Europe. Under the guiding principle of "zero waste solutions", the company supports over 50,000 customers throughout Europe on the responsible handling of recyclable materials, thus helping them to improve their own sustainability balance and conserve primary resources. With about 2,000 employees, the company achieves a turnover of over one billion euros (2021). According to Fraunhofer UMSICHT, Interzero's recycling activities will save one million tonnes of greenhouse gases compared to primary production and more than 12.5 million tonnes of primary raw materials in 2021 alone. Further information can be found at www.interzero.com.

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