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SGL Carbon shareholders resolve capital increase

Way free for comprehensive financing package worth(euro)830 million

WIESBADEN, January 15, 2004. SGL Carbon AG's shareholders today resolved a capital increase in the form of the issue of 33.2 million new shares proposed by the Company's management. The extraordinary general meeting convened in Wiesbaden to pass this resolution opened up the way for a comprehensive three-part financing package worth (euro)830 million.

This comprehensive financing concept is designed to strengthen the Company's equity base and safeguard its financing requirements in the medium to long term. The financing package consists of a capital increase, a corporate bond and a syndicated loan. It is expected that the package, which is worth approximately (euro)830 million, will be concluded by the beginning of February 2004. This will provide SGL Carbon with a comprehensive financial basis.

The international banking syndicate engaged to implement the capital increase and the rights offering will subscribe for a total of approximately 33.2 million shares in the near future at a minimum price of (euro)6 per share, subject to certain conditions, and will offer the new shares to shareholders for subscription. The capital increase with subscription rights for shareholders should bring the Company at least (euro)200 million. The Company will announce further details of the subscription price and period in the near future.

The second part of the comprehensive financing concept, the issue of a corporate bond, should yield approximately (euro)300 million.

The third part comprises a new syndicated loan of approx. (euro)330 million with a term of up to six years. The funds raised under this comprehensive financing package will also be used to redeem the (euro)510 million syndicated loan agreed

at the end of 2002. The new syndicated loan and the proceeds from the planned corporate bond will be underwritten by a bridging loan from a banking syndicate.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SGL CARBON Aktiengesellschaft

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By: /s/ Dr. Bruno Toniolo

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