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Changes in executive and supervisory board of CropEnergies AG

Mannheim, 30 April 2015 - In today's meeting, the supervisory board of CropEnergies AG, Mannheim, has appointed Joachim Lutz as the Chief Executive Officer (Sprecher des Vorstands) with immediate effect. He will assume responsibility for the following departments: production, business development, public relations, public affairs, marketing, investor relations, compliance, and human resources. Lutz has been Chief Financial Officer of CropEnergies since May 2006.

The supervisory board has appointed Dr. Stephan Meeder and Michael Friedmann to the executive board with immediate effect. Dr. Stephan Meeder (44) will be responsible for the departments of finance, accounting, controlling, and risk management in the future. After jobs in corporate finance, he joined Südzucker Group in 2006 and was appointed Chief Financial Officer of the French sugar producer Saint Louis Sucre S.A., Paris, in 2007. The departments of sales and procurement will be taken over by Michael Friedmann (60). After various positions as a purchaser, Friedmann joined Südzucker Group in 1992. From 1997 to 2000, he was managing director of Südzucker International GmbH, Ochsenfurt, and was appointed speaker of the management board of the Polish sugar producer Cukier Krolewski Sp.z o.o., Krakau, in 2000. Since 2004, Friedmann has been head of animal feed and co-product sales of Südzucker AG.

Dr. Marten Keil has resigned from the executive board with immediate effect and has ceased working for the company.

With the executive board expanded to three experienced members, CropEnergies is in a good position to meet the special challenges of the biofuels industry and to seize opportunities.

Dr. Lutz Guderjahn, member and deputy chairman of the CropEnergies supervisory board, has resigned from his position with immediate effect. CropEnergies AG will immediately request a new supervisory board member to be appointed by the registration court until the annual general meeting on 14 July 2015 when a new member of the supervisory board will be elected. In today's meeting, the supervisory board appointed Thomas Kölbl as new deputy chairman of the CropEnergies AG's supervisory board.

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CropEnergies AG thanks Dr. Marten Keil und Dr. Lutz Guderjahn for their work and their contribution to the development of the company.

CropEnergies AG

Ensuring mobility in a climate friendly way - today and in the future - is CropEnergies' business. Founded in Mannheim, Germany, in 2006, the young and dynamically growing member of the Südzucker Group is one of the leading European manufacturers of sustainably produced bioethanol for the fuel sector today. With its production capacities of 1.2 million cubic meters of bioethanol per year, CropEnergies produces bioethanol which predominantly replaces petrol in four modern production facilities in Germany, Belgium, the UK, and France. The highly efficient production facilities reduce CO₂ emissions by up to 70 percent across the whole value-added chain compared to fossil fuel. With the production sites, the unique logistics network in Europe as well as trading offices in the USA and Brazil, CropEnergies is one of the leading companies in a major emerging market.

At the same time, CropEnergies is an important producer of food and animal feed products. The raw materials which are used such as cereals and sugar beets are completely utilized. As a result, more than 1 million tonnes of high-quality protein food and animal feed products are manufactured every year out of the non-fermentable components of the raw materials.

Through advanced technology and innovation CropEnergies contributes to ensure a sustainable mobility from renewable sources today and in the future through its main product bioethanol: mobility - sustainable. renewable.

The CropEnergies AG stock (ISIN DE000AOLAUP1) has been listed at the regulated market (Prime Standard) at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 2006.