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Industry Expert Dr. Volker Wagner-Solbach Strengthens Business Development at AVA Group

Muttenz, Switzerland – 16 September 2014 – The AVA Group (AVA-CO2 and AVA Biochem) welcomes Dr. Volker Wagner-Solbach as Sales Manager at AVA Biochem and Business Development Manager, Bio-Based Chemistry of AVA-CO2. With this appointment, the AVA Group gains an experienced and connected industry figure who has worked in chemical trade and innovation management for 20 years.

Dr. Wagner-Solbach studied Chemistry at the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich and did his dissertation at the Technical University of Munich. For eight years, he was the founder and managing director of Sanomol, a chemical and trading consultancy. His experience as Business Development Manager includes working with Bayern Innovativ, the Bavarian technology think tank, he helped Bavaria develop its economic strength. He founded chemistry company C-LAB Chemievermittlung, which he ran successfully for ten years before selling the company. Dr. Wagner-Solbach is a real expert in the sector, with in-depth knowledge of the platform chemical 5-Hydroxymethylfurfural (5-HMF) and its diverse applications.

“With Dr. Wagner-Solbach on board, the AVA Group gains an industry expert with a talent for building sustainable value chains. This is a valuable addition and will undoubtedly help further build AVA-CO2 and AVA Biochem’s success and reputation further”, says Jan Vyskocil, CEO of the AVA Group.

About AVA-CO2

AVA-CO2 provides global solutions for the sustainable use of sewage sludge and other biomass for energy. As a pioneer of hydrothermal carbonisation (HTC), AVA-CO2 designs, builds and operates HTC installations on behalf of its customers, processing sewage sludge and plant residues efficiently and profitably CO2-neutral HTC-coal and high-value carbon materials. ‘AVA cleanphos’ is another AVA-CO2 technology based on HTC which offers an innovative and cost-effective process for phosphorus recovery. The company is headquartered in Zug, Switzerland with a subsidiary in Karlsruhe, Germany and has operated the world's first HTC plant at scale since October 2010. AVA Biochem, another subsidiary based in Muttenz, Switzerland uses HTC technology to commercially produce platform chemical 5-HMF.

More information at www.ava-co2.com or <https://twitter.com/AVACO2>

About AVA Biochem

AVA Biochem BSL AG (AVA Biochem) operates the world's first industrial plant for the production of renewable 5-Hydroxymethylfurfural (5-HMF, CAS 67-47-0). A subsidiary of AVA-CO2 Schweiz AG, Zug, AVA Biochem has a game-changing production process for 5-HMF production. Biochem-1, the first industrial plant for the production of 5-HMF from biomass is located on Clariant's Infrapark in Muttenz, Switzerland where AVA Biochem is headquartered. AVA Biochem delivers high-purity 5-HMF to industrial and research customers around the globe. www.ava-biochem.com and <https://twitter.com/AVABiochem>.

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