

P R E S S R E L E A S E **Sto SE & Co. KGaA, Stühlingen/Germany**

Sto acquires 50.1 % of VIACOR Polymer GmbH in Rottenburg/Germany

Investment strengthens the Sto Group's expertise in polyurethane floor coatings

Stühlingen/Germany, 27 September 2019 - Sto SE & Co. KGaA, one of the major international manufacturers of products and systems for building coatings, will acquire a 50.1 % interest in VIACOR Polymer GmbH, Rottenburg am Neckar/Germany, with effect from 1 January 2020 and subject to the approval of the Bundeskartellamt (German Federal Cartel Office).

Since its foundation in 2000, the renowned manufacturer from the German state of Baden-Württemberg has made an excellent name for itself, particularly in the field of VIACOR industrial floors and sports floor coatings under the PORPLASTIC brand. Particularly impressive are the company's high level of development expertise and varied portfolio of polyurethane-based products. VIACOR thus complements the know-how of the Sto Group, which offers high-quality products for floor coatings under the StoCretec brand. The investment is intended to effectively round off and expand this portfolio.

Dr Ralf Jooss, founder and co-partner of VIACOR Polymer GmbH, will continue to manage the company. Sto SE & Co. KGaA will especially benefit from his skills and expertise as an experienced entrepreneur and product developer. The Sto and VIACOR product brands will continue to operate independently of each other in the market, covering different areas of application. The synergies resulting from the cooperation are

expected to be particularly strong in the areas of development and production.

Sto SE & Co. KGaA is a major international manufacturer of products and systems for building coatings. The company is a leader in the business field of external wall insulation systems. Sto's core product range also includes high-quality facade elements, as well as renders, plasters and paints for building exteriors and interiors alike. Another focus is placed on concrete repair, floor coatings, acoustics, and rainscreen cladding systems.

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