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PROMOTING RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ALUMINIUM SUPPLY CHAIN

SIG JOINS ALUMINIUM STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE TO DRIVE PROGRESS ON RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

SIG has joined the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) – a global, multi-stakeholder, non-profit standards setting and certification organisation – to enhance responsibility and traceability in the aluminium supply chain.

The ASI brings together producers, users and other stakeholders to promote the responsible production, sourcing and stewardship of aluminium. SIG supports the ASI's objectives to improve environmental and social aspects of the aluminium value chain as part of the company's strong commitment to responsible sourcing.

Henrik Wagner, Global Sourcing & Procurement Director at SIG said: "SIG's commitment to responsible sourcing is central to our ambition to go Way Beyond Good by putting more into society and the environment than we take out. Sourcing materials from suppliers that have been certified to strict ethical, environmental and social standards is one of the best ways we can demonstrate

that commitment. By joining the ASI, we have the opportunity to enhance the environmental credentials of our cartons through the new ASI certification on the responsible production, sourcing and stewardship of aluminium. This builds on our pioneering efforts within the industry to source raw materials, such as liquid packaging board and plant-based polymers, from certified sources.”

Responsible aluminium

Aluminium is the latest focus in SIG’s continued efforts to enhance traceability and responsibility in the sourcing of raw materials that go into its carton packs.

SIG has already pioneered the use of third-party verified certifications within the industry to enhance traceability in the supply chain and demonstrate that key materials such as liquid packaging board and plant-based polymers are responsibly sourced.

Most SIG packs include an ultra-thin barrier layer of aluminium foil. The new ASI certification, launched in December 2017, provides a robust way to audit aluminium suppliers against strict ethical, environmental and social standards. SIG has been working with one of its aluminium suppliers, Amcor, for over a year to assess readiness for the ASI certification through pilot assessments conducted by DNV GL, a third-party verification body.

Dr Fiona Solomon, CEO of the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative said “We are delighted to welcome SIG to the ASI community. Aluminium is a critical material for the packaging sector and ASI’s Certification program provides a platform to recognise and collaboratively foster global supply chain efforts towards enhanced sustainability. SIG’s ongoing actions to responsibly source raw materials are now being extended to aluminium, one of the world’s most widely used metals. With the first ASI Certifications already announced, we look forward to an acceleration of efforts in the packaging sector in the coming months and years, with the support of SIG and other ASI members.”

FURTHER INFORMATION ON PILOT WITH AMCOR:

<https://www.sig.biz/en/media/press-releases/sig-and-amcor-push-responsible-aluminium-sourcing-further>

MORE ON WAY BEYOND GOOD:

www.waybeyondgood.com

About SIG

SIG is a leading systems and solutions provider for aseptic packaging. We work in partnership with our customers to bring food products to consumers around the world in a safe, sustainable and affordable way. Our unique technology and outstanding innovation capacity enable us to provide our customers with end-to-end solutions for differentiated products, smarter factories and connected packs, all to address the ever-changing needs of consumers.

Founded 1853, SIG is headquartered in Neuhausen, Switzerland. The skills and experience of our 5,000-plus employees worldwide enable us to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of our customers in more than 65 countries. In 2017, SIG produced 33.6 billion carton packs and generated €1.66 billion in revenue. For more information, visit www.sig.biz

PICTURE CAPTION:

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