

EXHIBIT 1

SGL Carbon lays down details of capital increase / Ad hoc notification pursuant to ss.15 German Securities Trading Act

WIESBADEN, January 20, 2004. The Executive Committee and the Supervisory Board of SGL Carbon AG today determined the details of the Company's planned cash capital increase. The share capital will be increased by approximately (euro)85.2 million, from approximately (euro)56.7 million to just under (euro)142 million. SGL Carbon shareholders will be offered the new shares at a ratio of 2 to 3 which means that they can subscribe three new shares for two existing shares held. The subscription price is (euro)8. The subscription period starts on Thursday, January 22 and ends on Thursday, February 05, 2004. The capital increase, which will be offered to shareholders for subscription by the mandated bank syndicate, is expected to raise a net amount of approximately (euro)245 million.

Information and explanations from the issuers for this ad-hoc announcement:

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Forward-looking statements:

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These statements reflect the current belief of SGL Carbon's management as well as assumptions made by, and information available to, the SGL Group. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. Actual future results and developments could differ materially from those set forth in these statements due to various factors. These factors include, among others, changes in the general economic and competitive situation, particularly in SGL Carbon's businesses and markets; changes resulting from acquisitions and the subsequent integration of companies; and changes resulting from restructuring measures. In addition, future results and developments could be affected by the performance of financial markets, fluctuations in exchange rates and changes in national and supranational law, particularly with regard to tax regulations. The company assumes no obligation to update future statements.

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: January 20, 2004

By: /s/ Robert J. Kohler

Name: Robert J. Koehler

Title: Chairman of the Board of Management

By: /s/ Dr. Bruno Toniolo

Name: Dr. Bruno Toniolo

Title: Member of the Board of Management