

## Werhahn takes over FiberLean Technologies

- **Werhahn acquires with FiberLean Technologies, a leading manufacturer of an innovative, sustainable composite material.**

**Neuss, March 29, 2021** – Wilh. Werhahn KG has signed an agreement to acquire FiberLean Technologies, taking over the company from its previous owners Imerys SA and Omya International. FiberLean Technologies is one of the world's leading manufacturers of an innovative, patented composite material made of microfibrillated cellulose (MFC) and mineral. The expansion of business activities into the future-oriented market of microfibrillated cellulose follows the Werhahn principle of achieving sustainable growth by establishing or acquiring future oriented activities. Part of the acquisition of FiberLean Technologies will take place through the purchase of four MFC production facilities at the sites in the USA, India and France.

Paolo Dell' Antonio, Chairman of the Management Board of Wilh. Werhahn KG, explains: "We are pleased to add FiberLean Technologies to our portfolio, a business activity whose innovative products can contribute to increased sustainable resource use and efficiency in various industries. FiberLean Technologies has developed an impressive technology over the last ten years, which has good growth potential in the paper and packaging industry and other fields of application. We are convinced that we can develop FiberLean Technologies into a profitable and valuable business area of the Werhahn Group in the coming years."

The acquisition by Werhahn KG will enable FiberLean Technologies to intensify its growth in current markets and its development into new markets in the future. With the new owner, FiberLean Technologies will actively promote the dissemination, deployment, and application of its technological expertise through innovative products. FiberLean Technologies' activities including all existing locations in the USA, UK, India and France will be managed from Germany in the future.

Enrico de Landerset, General Manager of FiberLean Technologies: "We are happy to have found a new owner in Werhahn KG, who wants to further develop our business internationally with us in a sustainable way according to the Werhahn philosophy 'a company for entrepreneurs'. I am sure that together with Werhahn we will profitably expand our leading market position!"

### About the Werhahn Group

Wilh. Werhahn KG was founded more than 175 years ago as a diversified family business. Today, the group of companies is engaged in a wide range of activities in Germany and abroad in the fields of building materials (natural stone, slate), consumer goods (Zwilling Kitchenware, Zwilling Beauty Group, Jagu-

ar/Tondeo Professional Hairdressing Equipment) and financial services (abcfinance, Bank11, Yareto). The companies of this medium-sized family business employ approximately 10,000 people world-wide.

### **About FiberLean Technologies**

Founded in 2016, FiberLean Technologies is a pioneer in commercialization of cellulosic nanomaterials. Globally they provide solutions and technology for their international customers, among others in the paper and packaging, food and building materials industries. There, FiberLean Technologies applies its industrial, reliable and scalable process to further proliferate the use of cellulosic nanomaterials as natural, renewable, abundant, high performance materials towards a more sustainable future. As a leading global producer of cellulosic nanomaterials, FiberLean Technologies is committed to producing FiberLean® MFC (micro-fibrillated cellulose) at the highest quality and best economically viable prices in the market. FiberLean Technologies GmbH is a company of the Werhahn Group and is headquartered in Neuss, Germany.

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