

Press release

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Changes in the executive board of Südzucker AG

Chief Digital Officer Helen Arnold, who is responsible for the BENE0 and PortionPack Group divisions as well as the Digitalization/IT, Development of New Business Fields and Strategic Customer Development departments on Südzucker AG's executive board, will resign from the executive board next year at her own request. She is seeking further professional development outside the group.

"Together with her colleagues on the executive board, Helen Arnold has played a key role in the strategic realignment of the company," said Dr. Stefan Streng, Chairman of Südzucker's supervisory board. "The past few years have again been very successful for Südzucker in business terms and at the same time a phase of consistent realignment for the future. I would like to thank Helen Arnold personally and on behalf of the entire supervisory board for her forward-looking actions and the determination and courage to set new strategic impulses at Südzucker in times characterized by digital transformation. She initiated the establishment of the new plant based proteins business segment and set the Digitalization and IT division on a forward-looking course."

In addition, Markus Mühleisen will step down from the AGRANA executive board on 31 December 2023 and will no longer be a member of the Südzucker executive board with immediate effect. As part of the interlocking of the two companies' executive boards, the new CEO of AGRANA, Stephan Büttner, will take over Südzucker's executive board mandate with immediate effect. Südzucker CFO Thomas Kölbl was reappointed to the AGRANA executive board, succeeding Helen Arnold.

Südzucker's supervisory board would like to thank Helen Arnold and Markus Mühleisen for their great commitment and successful work and wishes them all the best for their professional and private future.

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About the Südzucker Group

Südzucker is a major player in the food industry with its sugar, special products, starch and fruit segments, and Europe's leading ethanol producer with its CropEnergies segment.

In the traditional sugar business, the group is Europe's number one supplier of sugar products, with 23 sugar factories and two refineries, extending from France in the west via Belgium, Germany and Austria, through to Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia, and Moldova in the east. The special products segment, with its consumer-oriented functional ingredients for food and animal feed (BENEÓ), chilled/frozen products (Freiberger) and portion packs (PortionPack Group), operates in dynamic growth markets. Südzucker's CropEnergies segment is Europe's leading producer of renewable ethanol, with production sites in Germany, Belgium, France and Great Britain. Other products in this segment are protein food and animal feed products as well as biogenic carbon dioxide. The starch segment comprises AGRANA's starch and ethanol activities. The group's fruit segment operates globally, is the world market leader for fruit preparations and is a leading supplier of fruit juice concentrates in Europe.

In 2022/23, the group employed about 18.300 persons and generated revenues of about EUR 9.5 billion.