

## Press release

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### New Executive Board member for CropEnergies Supervisory Board appoints Dr Uwe Boltersdorf as COO

Mannheim, 20.02.2025 – At its meeting today, the Supervisory Board of CropEnergies AG, Mannheim, has appointed Dr Uwe Boltersdorf to the Executive Board of CropEnergies AG with effect from 1 April 2025. From 1 May 2025, he will take over the responsibilities of Chief Operating Officer (COO) from Jürgen Böttcher, who will retire on 30 April 2025.

Uwe Boltersdorf completed his doctorate at the Fraunhofer Institute for Environmental, Safety and Energy Technology UMSICHT in Oberhausen after studying chemical engineering at the University of Dortmund. He has over 20 years of management experience in the areas of production, process development and plant engineering in the international chemical and processing industry, including from his work at Bayer AG, Lanxess AG, thyssenkrupp AG and Sulzer AG.

Dr Thomas Kirchberg, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of CropEnergies: “We are pleased to have gained an experienced manager with a strong technical background with Uwe Boltersdorf. With him, we see the Executive Board of CropEnergies well prepared for the further development of the company in the future.”

The Supervisory Board thanks Jürgen Böttcher for his dedicated and successful work for the company and for the many years of trusting cooperation. Thomas Kirchberg: “Jürgen Böttcher's commitment during his many years of service at CropEnergies has played a major role in shaping the company. We wish him all the best for this new chapter in his life.”

#### **CropEnergies AG**

Sustainable, renewable products made from biomass – that is what CropEnergies stands for.

The Mannheim-based group, founded in 2006, offers its partners sustainable products with certified greenhouse gas savings. The aim is to combine economic success with climate protection and ensure that fossil carbons remain in the ground permanently.

The biorefineries of CropEnergies Group in Germany, Belgium, the United Kingdom and France operate a circular economy and utilise all raw material components: alcohol (ethanol), neutral alcohol, biogenic carbon dioxide and protein food and animal feed – a regional alternative to protein imports from overseas – are produced from regionally grown raw materials as well as residual and waste materials. Ethanol is used, among other things, as a climate-friendly petrol substitute, as it reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across the entire value chain by an average of over 70 percent compared to fossil fuel.

In the future, CropEnergies would like to contribute to the defossilisation of the chemical industry: with almost 100 percent CO<sub>2</sub>-neutrally produced ethanol-based ethyl acetate.

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