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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Even closer to customers**

Heilbronn, January 29, 2021 – ILLIG Maschinenbau has appointed Jürgen Lochner (55) as Managing Director in the function of CSO/CTO on December 01, 2020. He is responsible for the areas of market and technology with sales and product development for the business units engineering, tooling and service. Together with CEO Carsten Strenger, the management team at the company's headquarters in Heilbronn is well positioned.

The focus at ILLIG is even more on customer proximity and market-oriented products. "We are consistently pursuing the path of efficient operational process design in order to be even closer to the customer," explains the new CSO/CTO. Structurally, the management continues to focus the company on sustainable solutions, in line with the megatrend Circular Economy, which perfectly serve the needs of global markets. "The challenges in view of the worldwide uncertainty in the markets due to the ongoing plastics discussion and the economic impact of the Corona pandemic, are clearly defined," the management duo agrees: the aim is to respond in a highly flexible and strategically focused manner to customer requirements derived from global market conditions.

With the customized packaging development Pactivity® and the tool development Toolsys®, ILLIG develops the solutions of tomorrow for customers. With Circular Thinking, ILLIG supports the economic closed-loop concept and clearly defines sustainability goals: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Renew and Separate. "ILLIG tools, production and packaging systems are flexible in terms of materials. They process biodegradable plastics, recycled goods, plastic-cardboard combinations or post-consumer films in a process-safe manner, even up to pure cardboard applications," Lochner concludes.

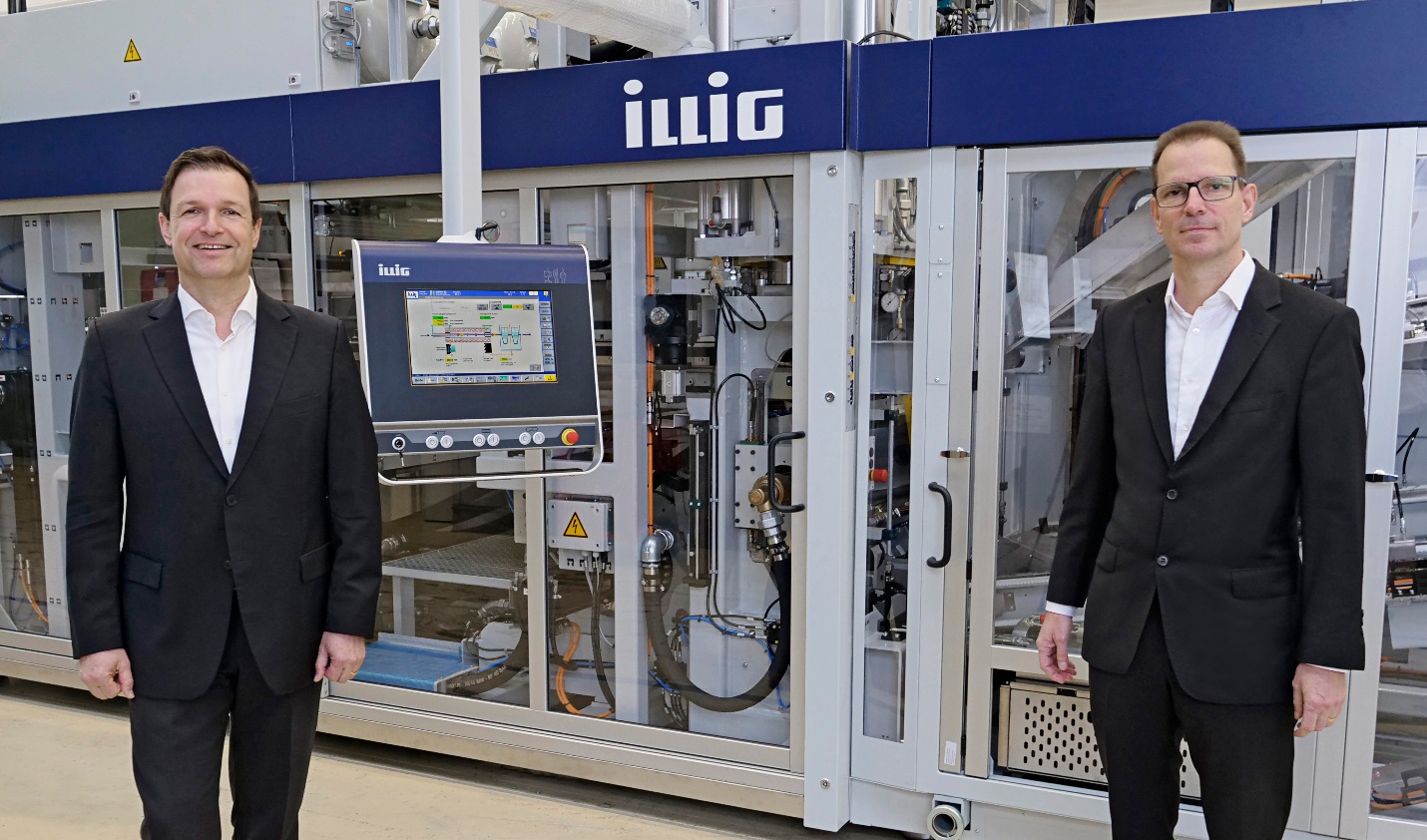
Jürgen Lochner studied engineering in the field of plastics and rubber technology. He brings with him the best prerequisites for his new task at ILLIG thanks to his many years of international management experience in medium-sized companies and corporate structures. He has held several classic management positions in mechanical and plant engineering, up to and including full responsibility as managing director.

**About ILLIG GROUP**

ILLIG is a leading global supplier of thermoforming systems and tool systems for thermoplastics and cardboard. The company's product and services portfolio includes the development, design, manufacture, installation and commissioning of complex production lines and components. With the unique 360° packaging development, Pactivity®, and the high-performance packaging systems, ILLIG supplies its customers with resource-friendly and sustainable solutions, and supports packaging manufacturers in design for recycling. With its own subsidiaries and sales agencies in over 80 countries, ILLIG is locally present in all markets around the globe. For 75 years, the family business has been serving its customers across the globe as a reliable partner for the cost-effective manufacturing of complex precision parts with innovative technology of unsurpassed quality and comprehensive global service.

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Powerful team players: Jürgen Lochner (CSO/CTO) (left) and Carsten Strenger (CEO) have been jointly managing ILLIG since December 01, 2020.