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## PRESS RELEASE

### ARNAUD CLOSSON SUCCEEDS ROBERT VAN DE KERKHOF AS CIRFS PRESIDENT

**Arnaud Closson** has been elected by the CIRFS members to take on the role of President at today's AGM.

He succeeds **Robert van de Kerkhof**, Lenzing, whose mandate has expired but who will remain a member of the Board as past-President.

**Robert van de KERKHOF** comments:

*"I am very pleased that **Arnaud CLOSSON** has been unanimously elected to follow me as CIRFS President.*

*He has been actively involved in CIRFS for many years, amongst others in the Board, more recently as its Vice-President. **Arnaud CLOSSON** has a long experience and a very successful record in the man-made fibres industry. He is CEO of "Mobility" Business Vertical within the Fibers Segment at Indorama Ventures, an innovative and world-leading global company. Arnaud has on many occasions highlighted the indispensable contribution of CIRFS to the development of man-made fibres in Europe and its essential role in helping the industry to adapt to a global and constrained world."*

**Arnaud CLOSSON** adds:

*"**Robert van de KERKHOF** has been a strong supporter of CIRFS during his presidency, underlining the key role CIRFS is playing for the industry in a constantly changing competitive environment. He has launched the process of making CIRFS fit for the future and I look forward to continuing this mission over the next three years.*

*The European man-made fibres industry has recently been faced with many challenges such as international trade distortions, the Covid-19 crisis, or energy issues linked to the war in Ukraine. However, our industry has many strengths. It produces high quality and innovative speciality products with an excellent environmental record. Our fibres enter into a wide range of essential applications that help meeting the challenges of today's world, amongst others in terms of sustainability. CIRFS will continue to support the industry to build on these strengths, providing the basis for a bright and sustainable future. "*

## Notes to Editors

1. **CIRFS** is the association for Europe's € 12 billion man-made fibres industry, representing the industry to the European authorities and providing the industry with a wide range of services. Its members cover about 75% of European man-made fibres output. It provides for around 20,000 jobs in ca. 250 plants. The European man-made fibres industry, with a total production in 2022 of ca. 4.4 million tonnes, is the world's second largest in terms of output and one of the global leaders in terms of innovation and quality.
2. **Indorama Ventures** is one of the world's leading petrochemical producers, with a global manufacturing footprint across Europe, Africa, Americas, and Asia-Pacific. The company's portfolio comprises Combined PET, Integrated Oxides and Derivatives, and Fibers. Its leading market positions across various fibers, yarns and fabric applications include Automotive, Industrial Applications, Hygiene, Home Textiles, Apparel and Medical. Well-known brand owners and customers across major growth markets rely on Indorama Ventures' knowledgeable industry experts who are guided by the company's purpose of 'Reimagining chemistry together to create a better world'.

A biography and photograph of **Arnaud CLOSSON** are attached.

3. For further information, please contact the CIRFS Director General, Frédéric VAN HOUTE: [fvh@cirfs.org](mailto:fvh@cirfs.org) or +32 2 880 52 92.

## Executive Biography

### **ARNAUD CLOSSON**

**CEO, Mobility Business Vertical Within The Fibers Segment at Indorama Ventures**



Arnaud Closson is currently the CEO of the “Mobility” Business Vertical within the Fibers Segment at Indorama Ventures. He joined Indorama Ventures in 2017 through the acquisition of Glanzstoff Industries where he served as Managing Director.

Arnaud Closson has more than 25 years’ experience in the man-made fibres industry, including 10 years with Performance Fibers (former AlliedSignal - Polyester fiber) where he held various global positions in technical, sales & marketing, dealing with global automotive and tire companies worldwide. He joined Glanzstoff Industries in 2011 as Managing Director for tire-cord fabric sales, before taking P&L responsibility of the Luxembourg entity in 2015, and was then appointed Managing Director of the Glanzstoff group in 2016.

He graduated his Master of Science (MSc) degree in Physics & Chemistry from the University of Strasbourg in France.

French native, Arnaud is based in Luxembourg since 2007.