



SLM Solutions Group AG wins TOP INNOVATOR Award

- **ALPORA GmbH, a Swiss investment company, has bestowed its TOP INNOVATOR Award for 2017 on SLM Solutions**
- **The selection and appraisal process applies a scientifically-based quantitative model developed in partnership with Ulm University**
- **With this award ALPORA acknowledges the significant innovative strengths and capabilities of SLM Solutions and its employees**

Lübeck, 17 August 2017 – SLM Solutions Group AG ("SLM Solutions"), a leading supplier of metal-based additive manufacturing technology, has recently won the TOP INNOVATOR Award for 2017 conferred by Swiss investment research company ALPORA GmbH.

"The ALPORA approach evaluates companies' individual innovative strengths by measuring 30 innovation indicators. This unique analytics approach is based on scientific research and provides a comprehensive view of companies' innovative capabilities. This quantitative appraisal forms the starting point for the innovation ranking of the companies, and the basis for portfolio definitions and investment recommendations with a focus on innovation – and here our decision was in favour of SLM Solutions," comments Ruth Schönleber, Partner at ALPORA GmbH.

Henner Schöneborn, CTO and Management Board member responsible for the innovation area at SLM Solutions Group AG, notes: "We're very pleased to receive the TOP INNOVATOR Award for 2017. We see it as a special acknowledgment of our employees, as well as our activities to create a systematic innovation process. Innovation has enabled us to reach the position of technology leadership, and we aim to further expand this position in the future, including with our new flagship, the SLM 800, for example."

Uwe Bögershausen, Management Board member of SLM Solutions Group AG, adds: "Thanks to its high productivity, our multi-laser technology is the ideal solution for customers aiming to enter series components manufacturing. Introducing 700-Watt lasers has enhanced its productivity further, so we see ourselves as optimally equipped to help our customers produce components cost-efficiently. The TOP INNOVATOR Award 2017 underscores that this is the area where the future of additive manufacturing methods lies."

About the company:

Lübeck-based SLM Solutions Group AG is a leading provider of metal-based additive manufacturing technology. The company's shares are traded in the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. The stock has been listed in the TecDAX index since March 21, 2016. SLM Solutions focuses on the development, assembly and sale of machines and integrated system solutions in the field of selective laser melting. SLM Solutions currently employs over 340 members of staff in Germany, the USA, Singapore, Russia, India and China. The products are utilised worldwide by customers in particular from the aerospace, energy, healthcare and automotive industries.



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