

South Pole Group Elects New Board Members: Heinz Haller, Matthias Bichsel and Piers Cumberlege join the Global Sustainability Solutions Provider

Zurich, Switzerland, 17 September 2015 - Step change for the sustainability leader: The shareholders of the South Pole Group have elected **Heinz Haller, Dr. Matthias Bichsel** and **Piers Cumberlege** to the Board of Directors of its South Pole Holding Ltd. Acting CFO Dr. Christoph Grobbel was furthermore elected as Chairman of the Board.

Heinz Haller is Executive Vice President of the Dow Chemical Company and President of Dow Europe, Middle East, Africa and India (EMEA), and has also garnered a profound understanding of financial services and manufacturing. **Dr. Matthias Bichsel** was member of the global Executive Committee at Shell, where he also presided the global responsibility of CO₂ emissions. Various corporate boards, including Sulzer, benefit from his experience. **Piers Cumberlege** was head of Strategic Partnerships at the World Economic Forum, worked in a variety of corporate and private equity leadership roles in the emerging markets, and holds various board positions including CARE Canada.

“The fast-growing South Pole Group has emerged as a globally leading sustainability company, partnering with governments and large companies to solve climate change”. says **Renat Heuberger, CEO South Pole Group**. *“The inclusion of exceptional personalities Heinz Haller, Matthias Bichsel and Piers Cumberlege is thus a logical step for our group, will add further experience, expertise and network to our global team. With these top level executives in our Board, we will increase our professionalism and recognition in the market to the highest ranks.”*

The South Pole Group, which kicked-off when five founding partners created an ETH Zurich spin-off in 2006, is now governed by a majority of independent, external board members. The three new members of the Board will help steering the Zurich-based South Pole Group, which has grown since its inception and project-driven focus in 2006 to the world's leading provider of climate solutions.

South Pole Group positions itself as the global go-to option for both private and public organisations for all matters related to sustainability. The group offers climate neutrality, renewable energy, sustainable finance solutions, as well as corporate and public advisory. The company's areas of expertise cover every key sustainability-related area of climate change, including but not limited to: forests & land use, water, sustainable cities & buildings, as well as renewable energy and energy efficiency. With 16 offices on 6 continents, South Pole Group's team today consists of over 130 passionate climate professionals representing 20 different countries and cultures.

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About South Pole Group

The Zurich-based [South Pole Group](https://www.thesouthpolegroup.com) began as a project-driven company focused on developing and selling high-quality carbon credits. Today, it is the world's leading provider of climate solutions. No other firm in the world has developed as many successful emission reduction projects. No other company offers as rich a suite of services and solutions. South Pole Group helps public and private sector organisations develop climate proven policies and strategies. Areas of expertise cover every key sustainability-related area of climate change, including but not limited to: forests & land use, water, sustainable cities & buildings, as well as renewable energy and energy efficiency. For more information, visit www.thesouthpolegroup.com or follow the company [@southpolegroup](https://twitter.com/southpolegroup).

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