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# PHILIPP MORGENTHALER JOINS CIRCA GROUP AS GLOBAL HEAD OF MANUFACTURING

**OSLO, NORWAY – 2 November 2021** – Sustainable biochemicals company Circa Group AS (stock symbol: CIRCA) welcomes Philipp Morgenthaler as Global Head of Manufacturing.

Based in Switzerland, Philipp has impressive experience in the development of greenfield factories and industrial-scale production facilities. He brings significant global manufacturing expertise and networks from an international career spanning almost 20 years, leading teams across Europe, USA, China and Brazil.

Following a successful IPO in March 2021, this new role leads Circa's growth plans to achieve 80,000-tonne capacity by 2030. Philipp will also support Circa's delivery of the [ReSolute plant](#), located in France, which will produce the versatile platform biomolecule Levoglucosenone, from which the non-toxic, bio-based solvent Cyrene™ is derived.

Tony Duncan, CEO of Circa Group AS, said, "Philipp is joining Circa as a member of the executive leadership team in May 2022. His considerable international experience in high quality technical materials provides Circa with manufacturing expertise in the production of materials for demanding high end applications. This appointment comes at an important time in the Circa journey, with our ReSolute plant due to be commissioned in 2023 and planning for further production facilities getting underway in early 2022."



**About Circa**

Established in 2006, Circa Group converts waste, non-food biomass into advanced bio-based chemicals with its proprietary Furacell™ process. Its developing product portfolio includes flavours, biopolymers, and bio-solvents including Cyrene™, an alternative to traditional polar aprotic solvents, which is produced in one step from platform biomolecule Levoglucosenone. By creating renewable chemicals from cellulose, Circa is extracting value from non-food, waste biomass and addressing a gap in the market by providing bio-based alternatives contributing to a more circular economy. In March 2021, Circa Group successfully listed on the Euronext Growth Market in Oslo, stock symbol CIRCA.

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