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### Former Voith Paper CEO Dr. Hans-Peter Sollinger turns 70

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**HEIDENHEIM, GERMANY.** Dr. Hans-Peter Sollinger, CEO of Voith Paper from 2005 to 2014, turns 70. In his more than 30 years of service at Voith, Sollinger played a key role in shaping the company and made a significant contribution to its success.

“On behalf of Voith Paper, I would like to congratulate Hans-Peter Sollinger on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday,” says Andreas Endters, current President & CEO Voith Paper. “As our former CEO, Mr. Sollinger had a massive impact not just on our organization but also on the people who worked with him. We would like to thank him most sincerely for his more than three decades of loyal service and wish him all the very best!”

Sollinger began his career at Voith in 1982 as a project planning engineer and subsequently held various management roles. As a member of the Management Board of the Voith Paper Division, he assumed responsibility for the Paper Machine segment in 1994. In the same year, he was appointed as a Member of the Board of Management of Voith Paper. In 2000, Sollinger joined Voith’s Corporate Board of Management. As CEO of Voith Paper, he managed the company’s entire paper machine business from 2005 to 2014.

Under Sollinger’s leadership, Voith Paper evolved to become one of the world’s foremost technology suppliers. The strategic acquisition of the paper technology operations of the British Scapa Group in 1999 underpinned this development. Moreover, Sollinger was behind the successful development and expansion of the automation business. Early on, he also recognized the importance of the efficient use of resources in paper manufacturing and established this as a focus area of Voith Paper. The internationalization of the paper business, in particular the expansion of business operations in China through the establishment of the Voith

Paper City in Kunshan, also bears his signature. And ultimately, he initiated the realignment of Voith Paper in the face of fundamental structural changes in the global paper markets.

## About the Voith Group

The Voith Group is a global technology company. With its broad portfolio of systems, products, services and digital applications, Voith sets standards in the markets of energy, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, the company today has around 21,000 employees, sales of € 4.9 billion and locations in over 60 countries worldwide and is thus one of the larger family-owned companies in Europe.

The Group Division Voith Paper is part of the Voith Group. As the full-line supplier to the paper industry, it provides the largest range of technologies, services, and products on the market, and offers paper manufacturers holistic solutions from one source. The company's continuous stream of innovations facilitates resource-conserving production and supports customers in significantly reducing their carbon footprint. With its comprehensive automation products and leading digitization solutions from the Papermaking 4.0 portfolio, Voith offers its customers state-of-the-art, digital technologies to increase the availability and efficiency of their systems in all areas of the production process.

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