

**PRESS RELEASE****traceless® strengthens its Advisory Board with the announcement of Dr. Katrin Suder as Chairwoman and Kathrin Klein joining the Board**

**Hamburg, 12.05.2026** - Hamburg-based bioeconomy company traceless®, which produces natural biomaterials from agricultural industry residues, announces Dr. Katrin Suder as independent member and Chairwoman of its Advisory Board. Additionally, Kathrin Klein has been appointed as an additional member of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board supports traceless' management team with strategic guidance as the company continues its growth and development.

Dr. Katrin Suder brings more than two decades of experience in strategy consulting and corporate management, as well as extensive work with advisory boards. She studied physics, holds a doctorate in neuroinformatics, and has deep expertise in technology, digitalization, and corporate strategy - among others through her work as a Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company and as State Secretary in the German Ministry of Defense. In her role, she will advise traceless on strategic development and growth priorities and help steer the company's course over the coming years.

Kathrin Klein brings extensive senior leadership experience from the chemical industry, especially in growth strategies, marketing, sales as well as organizational development. As a member of traceless' Advisory Board, she will support the company's next phase of growth, including market entry and penetration.

As of today, the Advisory Board consists of Dr. Katrin Suder (Chairwoman), Dr. Anne Lamp (CEO), the investor representatives Sakari Saarela (UB FIGG) and Johannes Weber (HTGF), and Kathrin Klein.

"We are thrilled to announce Katrin as Chairwoman of the Advisory Board and to benefit from her expertise," said Dr. Anne Lamp, CEO of traceless. "Her experience and leadership skills make her the ideal choice to chair our Advisory Board and support our next growth phase."

Katrin Suder commented on her appointment as follows: "I am delighted to be part of such an innovative and forward-thinking company as traceless. Together with the entire team, I look forward to continuing to develop the company's impact vision and creating long-term value."

The traceless® material is a natural plastic substitute made from plant-based residues from agricultural industry processes. The material is naturally regenerative, certified plastic-free, bio-based, and home-compostable. The resource-saving process can reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in production and end-of-life compared to conventional plastics by around 90%. The company produces the material in the form of granulates, which can be further processed into injection moulded items, flexible films, or coatings using standard processing technologies. The material can replace plastic in products that are difficult to recycle or that can easily end up in the environment: from disposable products and rigid and flexible packaging to paper and cardboard coatings.

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## **ABOUT TRACELESS**

Since its founding in 2020, traceless® has grown from a research team to a scale-up with over 100 employees, producing a new class of materials designed to leave no trace. The team led by co-founder & CEO Dr. Anne Lamp, COO Sina Spingler, and CFO Jakob Röskamp aims to contribute to the development of a climate-friendly and circular bio-based industry by rapidly scaling up the resource-saving process to industrial level. traceless® cooperates with leading global brands and processors such as paper and packaging manufacturer Mondi and e-commerce company OTTO. Products made from traceless® have been successfully tested on the market since 2022. The company has already received numerous awards, including the German Entrepreneur Award and the Next Economy Award, has been named winner of the Deutscher Nachhaltigkeitspreis für Unternehmen 2026, and was also nominated for the Deutscher Zukunftspreis 2025.