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## **Superior Graphite Announces Strategic Realignment**

Company Marks One Hundred Years with Renewed Strategic Plan and Focus

CHICAGO (May 17, 2017) – Superior Graphite announces a multi-year strategic plan and a new management organization, as it enters a second century of manufacturing specialty graphite and carbon-based products. As part of the strategic business review, the Chicago-based company's realignment will accelerate investments in specialty high-temperature products, enhanced infrastructure, as well as executive appointments to support the new strategy.

Superior Graphite is an industry leader in electro-thermal treatment/purification technology, precision processing, continuous thermal synthesis of beta silicon carbide, carbon and graphite sourcing, and toll processing. The company is also implementing a new enterprise resource planning (ERP) business operating system throughout the organization.

The following executive appointments are announced:

- Frank Rembs, executive vice president, Demand Chain
- Jeff Hopkins, executive vice president, Finance
- Dr. Carsten Wehling, executive vice president, Innovation and R&D
- Oliver Schulz, vice president, Manufacturing
- Andy Rill, vice president, Materials Management

The Office of the President is supported by:

- Dave Francis, director, Human Resources
- Justin Dyer, director, Engineering, Safety, Health & Environment and Quality
- Mark Wanta, director, Strategic Projects

“We are confident our management realignment will allow us to focus on our technical expertise and showcase our incomparable thermal technology,” said Edward O. Carney, Superior Graphite President and CEO. “Our plan prepares our company for the next 100 years with a commitment to increased capital spending to support various growth initiatives and significant process improvements, along with an enhanced infrastructure — all critical components to future success.”

The company operates five manufacturing facilities globally while being supported by two research facilities in the United States. Manufacturing facilities are in Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Bedford Park and Chicago, Illinois; and Sundsvall, Sweden. Research and Development Centers in Chicago and Hopkinsville are further supported by several well-known academic institutions specializing in carbon technologies or market applications.

### **About Superior Graphite**

An innovation leader since 1917, Superior Graphite provides continuous electro-thermal treatment/purification of graphite & carbons, advanced sizing, and custom-mix technologies for energy/thermal management, metallurgy, friction, drilling material additives, non-oxide ceramics, and polymers/CASE materials. The company’s purpose-created solutions deliver outstanding quality, consistency, and performance across industries and around the globe. For more information, please visit [www.superiorgraphite.com](http://www.superiorgraphite.com), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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