

PRESS INFORMATION

FLOCERT Announces Interim Managing Director

Bonn, January 15, 2025. FLOCERT is pleased to announce the appointment of Thorsten Niklas as Interim Managing Director, effective immediately. He steps into this role following the planned departure of Katharina Wagner, who served as Managing Director since 2021.

Thorsten Niklas, who joined FLOCERT as Director of Operations in 2024, brings over a decade of leadership experience in the Testing, Inspection, and Certification (TIC) industry. His career includes roles at TÜV Rheinland and Underwriters Laboratories, where he spearheaded initiatives in social and ISO standards, business transformation, and global market expansion. Thorsten's expertise and proven track record align seamlessly with FLOCERT's commitment to driving fairness in global trade.

"We extend our sincere gratitude to Katharina Wagner for her leadership over the past three years," said Frank Harnischfeger, Chairperson of the Supervisory Board. "Under her guidance, FLOCERT reinforced its reputation as a trusted global assurance provider, delivering unparalleled quality to our clients and partners. We are confident Thorsten will continue this legacy, ensuring stability and continuity as we search for FLOCERT's next permanent Managing Director."

FLOCERT remains committed to promoting fairness in global trade. As the global assurance provider for the Fairtrade Certification Mark and other aligned initiatives, we continue to serve over 6,000 customers in more than 120 countries. With Thorsten Niklas at the helm, FLOCERT will continue to deliver exceptional service, foster growth, and drive positive impact for our partners and communities worldwide.

FLOCERT is a leading global assurance provider. Besides providing sole certification to Fairtrade, FLOCERT offers certification and verification as well as customised sustainability to support companies in sourcing on fair principles. With six international offices conducting business in around 120 countries, FLOCERT specialises in combining global reach with local expertise for its over 6,000 customers. FLOCERT remains mission-driven and dedicated to working with all types of organisations, from small-scale producers to internationally recognised brands, to promote fairness in global trade.