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## Press Release: AIUIF and GSB International Agree on Mutual Membership

Frankfurt/Main, January 2023 – The AIUIF e.V. and the quality association GSB International have agreed on mutual membership. "Both organisations are committed to the goals of sustainable construction and promote the responsible use of natural resources," said retiring AIUIF board chairman Walter Lonsinger, explaining the decision.

Founded in 1976 and based in Düsseldorf, GSB International is dedicated to quality and quality related topics in the coating of aluminium and steel. The GSB currently has 160 members in 25 countries. It cooperates with international partners and accredited testing institutes. Within the framework of a comprehensive ecological responsibility, the GSB sets the highest quality standards for ecological and healthy processes and products in coating technology, with a focus on sustainable and stable surface coatings in the field of architecture. As a result of this comprehensive commitment, GSB coatings are an integral part of many tenders.

More than 200 companies, planners and architects are currently involved in AIUIF e.V. in order to promote the closed-loop recycling of aluminium products in the building sector. Currently, around two thirds of the aluminium scrap produced in the building sector is fed into a closed material cycle through the certificate introduced by the AIUIF. Around 90 percent of the recycled aluminium used in building products in Germany has passed through the closed AIUIF materials cycle.

"The mutual membership of the leading organisations in their respective fields of activity opens up numerous opportunities for stronger cooperation in the field of sustainable construction and the recycling of building products," said the designated AIUIF Chairman Thomas Lauritzen. „We will work together to make it easier for planners, contractors and the metal industry, as well as the demolition and waste management sector, to recycle coated building products in a closed-loop system," Lauritzen continued.

For the chairmen of the GSB board, Willem Beljaars and Werner Hillebrand, mutual membership is an important basis for bundling competences in the field of recycling and sustain-able construction and communicating them in an impactful way.

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