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ACE ANNOUNCES ANNICK CARPENTIER AS DIRECTOR GENERAL

The Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment (ACE) is delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Annick Carpentier as Director General effective today. She takes over from Acting Director General Mr Kristian Hall who will continue as ACE President. Ms Carpentier joins ACE from Eurometaux, the European Federation of the Non-Ferrous Metals Industry, where she has acted as Sustainability Director.

Kristian Hall said: *"We are very pleased to welcome Annick to the association. She brings extensive expertise and direct experience in the area of sustainability and environment. Annick joins ACE at a very exciting time, as our sector continues its efforts to contribute towards building a resource efficient and low-carbon circular economy in Europe."*

Annick Carpentier commented: *"I am greatly looking forward to leading ACE's advocacy at a time of critical importance for Europe's evolution towards a circular economy."*

Ms Carpentier, a Belgian national, has extensive policy and strategy experience in the area of EU environmental policy. Before taking up her duties as ACE Director General, she worked at Eurometaux as EHS and then Sustainability Director. Prior to that, she was Secretary General of the International Confederation of Inspection and Certification Organisations (CEOC) and Deputy Managing Director at CEPI (the Confederation of European Paper Industries).

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Note to Editors

ACE provides a European platform for beverage carton manufacturers and their paperboard suppliers to benchmark and profile cartons as renewable, recyclable and low carbon packaging solutions. Engaging with stakeholders and partners seeking high environmental stewardship, it contributes expertise to EU policy, legislation and standard-setting.

ACE members include beverage carton producers Tetra Pak, SIG Combibloc and Elopak; they develop, manufacture and market systems for the processing, packaging and distribution of food, and produce packaging material at 20 plants in Europe. About 98% of the paperboard used by ACE members in beverage cartons in Europe is produced by Stora Enso in Skoghall (Sweden) and Imatra (Finland), and BillerudKorsnäs in Gävle and Frövi (Sweden), who are also members of ACE. These paper mills and the beverage carton manufacturers in ACE together employ close to 30,000 people worldwide.

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