

## Press Release

### Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH Joins the United Nations Global Compact

Ratingen, February 12, 2025 – Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH is pleased to announce its membership in the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC). With this step, the company reaffirms its commitment to responsible business practices and adherence to The Ten Principles of the UNGC in the areas of human rights, labor standards, environmental protection, and anti-corruption.

#### Commitment to the Ten Principles of the UNGC

Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH commits to integrating The Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact into its corporate strategy, culture, and daily business practices.



These principles include:

1. Support and respect for the protection of international human rights
2. Ensuring that the company is not complicit in human rights abuses
3. Upholding the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining
4. The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor
5. The effective abolition of child labor
6. The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation
7. A precautionary approach to environmental challenges
8. Initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility
9. The development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies
10. The fight against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery

#### Commitment to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In addition to the ten principles of the UNGC, Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH commits to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. These goals include, among others, the eradication of poverty and hunger, the promotion of health and education, gender equality, access to clean water and sanitation, climate protection, and the promotion of sustainable economic growth.

The SDGs are a global plan to promote sustainable peace and prosperity and to protect our planet. They aim to address the needs and priorities of the most vulnerable populations and countries to ensure that no one is left behind.

## **Annual Reporting from July 2026**

Starting in April 2026, Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH will report annually on its progress in achieving the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and the SDGs. This reporting will be in addition to the company's sustainability reporting, which is already planned to begin in 2026. Through this transparency, Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH aims to inform its stakeholders about the progress and challenges on the path to a more sustainable future.

### **Quote from Managing Director Frank Alms**

Frank Alms, Managing Director of Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH, states: "Joining the United Nations Global Compact is a significant milestone for Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH. We are determined to embed the principles of the UNGC and the Sustainable Development Goals in all our business areas. For us, sustainability is not just a trend but a necessity to secure the future of our planet and our society."

### **Statement from Sustainability Manager Darius Palica**

Darius Palica, Sustainability Manager of Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH, adds: "Integrating the SDGs into our corporate strategy allows us to make a positive contribution to the global sustainability agenda. We are proud to be part of this movement and will continuously work to achieve and, if possible, exceed our sustainability goals. Our commitment to the SDGs demonstrates that we take responsibility and actively contribute to solving global challenges."

### **About Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH**

Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH is a leading distributor of high-quality industrial valves according to DIN and ASME standards, based in Ratingen, North Rhine-Westphalia. Since its founding in 1972, the company has earned an excellent reputation for quality and customer service. With a broad product portfolio and a dedicated team, Armaturen Vertrieb Alms GmbH serves customers in various industries, including chemicals, petrochemicals, plant engineering, and power plant technology.

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