

# EBB

## European Biodiesel Board

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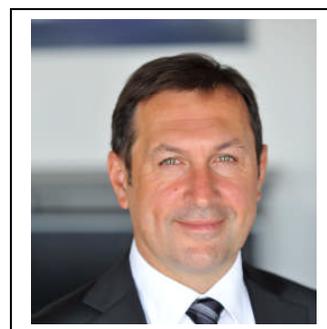
Brussels, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

## EBB CANDIDATURE FORM

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### Elections November 2013

#### Picture of the Candidate:



#### Details of the Candidate

Name: Sauter

Surname: Claus

EBB Member Company: VERBIO Diesel Bitterfeld GmbH & Co. KG (a Company of the VERBIO Group)

#### *About VERBIO Vereinigte BioEnergie AG*

VERBIO is one of the leading independent producers and suppliers of biofuels and also the only industrial-scale producer of biodiesel, bioethanol and biomethane in Europe. Nominal capacity currently amounts to around 450,000 tonnes of biodiesel, 300,000 tonnes of bioethanol and 480 gigawatt hours of biomethane per year. In the production of its highly efficient fuels, the company uses its own energy-saving production processes and innovative technologies. The biofuels produced by VERBIO achieve CO<sub>2</sub> reductions of up to 90 per cent compared with petrol and diesel. VERBIO supplies its products directly to European oil corporations, oil traders, independent filling stations, haulage companies, public utilities and vehicle fleets. VERBIO AG also markets high-quality pharma glycerine for the consumer goods and cosmetic industries (glycerine is a by-product of biodiesel production). VERBIO Vereinigte BioEnergie AG acts as the management holding company within the Group. The Group's operating business is run by its subsidiaries VERBIO Diesel Bitterfeld GmbH & Co. KG, VERBIO Diesel Schwedt GmbH & Co. KG, VERBIO Ethanol Schwedt GmbH & Co. KG, VERBIO Ethanol Zörbig GmbH & Co. KG and Märka GmbH. VERBIO shares (ISIN DE000A0JL9W6/WKN A0JL9W) have been listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since October 2006.

#### Position of the Candidate

In the EBB Member Company: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of VERBIO Vereinigte BioEnergie AG

**I Candidate myself as** EBB (you are free to tick the three possibilities or just two or one of them):

Board Member   
Vice-President   
President

**Introduction of the Candidate** (*short CV with experiences and achievements in the biodiesel sector plus short declaration explaining the rationale of your candidature and, if relevant, your project for EBB in 2013-2015*):

**Claus Sauter**, born 1966, completed his studies of economic and social sciences in Augsburg in 1992 with a master's degree in business administration. In 1990 he took charge of the family wholesale business in Bavaria. From 1992, Claus Sauter subsequently became the managing partner, CEO and shareholder of a number of companies set up by him in Bavaria, Saxony-Anhalt, Brandenburg and Switzerland. Since May 2006, Mr. Sauter is chairman of the management board and one of the founders of VERBIO AG, with registered office in Zörbig (Saxony-Anhalt). In this function he is, among others, responsible for strategic business development, press and public relations, and legal affairs.

Details of positions held in governing bodies of industrial associations:

- Deputy chairman of the association of the German biofuels industry (VDB - Verband der Deutschen Biokraftstoffindustrie; before: chairman)
- German Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food (BLE), Expert of the advisory committee "sustainable bioenergy"
- Member of the advisory committee of erdgas mobil e.V.
- Active member of the working groups of the Aviation Initiative for Renewable Energy in Germany (aireg)

The reasons for which I, Claus Sauter, apply for the relevant positions within the EBB board and the main goals I would like to attain during my mandate are the following:

I am dedicated to provide essential input to further increase and to push economic decisions forward regarding the competitive edge of the European biodiesel industry and the bio fuels sector in general. Further, I attain to support and actively contribute to an objective and factual discussion of the usefulness and benefits of bio fuels. I see that it is essential for us, as European biodiesel industry, to bring our influence to bear on the public concerns about the benefits of bio fuels and its contribution to the achievement of the climate targets in Europe. I will significantly contribute to assure the European public of the usefulness of bio fuels. Our industry has a future only if we, together, find a consensus and common sense and understanding with all parties involved in the current public discussion: politicians, NGOs, churches, parliamentarians, scientists and the public press – this is my conviction. We have to acknowledge the concerns of those parties and to work out and provide appropriate solutions and customized products that meet the public needs. The further development and expansion of the market for biodiesel is a major challenge; I would like to actively participate in shaping, giving direction and driving forward.



Signature of the Candidate:

**Please fill in this form electronically or scan it and send it back to the following email address: [gc@ebb-eu.org](mailto:gc@ebb-eu.org) or to EBB fax at your earliest convenience and by any means no later than next November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**