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**Mr. Graham Womersley Chairman of the Phoenix Award Committee (on the left)
presents the 48th Phoenix Award to Mr. Oliver Wiegand**

The Phoenix Award Committee meet each year to select a living person who has been active in, and has made significant and major contributions to any phase of the glass industry. This may be in the field of science, production, or education relating to glass, and includes glass containers, fibre glass, flat glass, scientific glass, tableware and electronic glass.

This year, Mr. Graham Womersley, Chairman of the Phoenix Award Committee, presented the 48th Phoenix Award to Mr. Oliver Wiegand at a black–tie Gala dinner, at Konzil Hall in Konstanz, Germany, on Friday 5th October 2018.

The banquet was attended by over 100 people including the Phoenix committee members, Past Phoenix Chairs and a record number of past recipients who came from all over the world to celebrate the nomination of Oliver Wiegand as Glass Person of the year 2018.

Oliver Wiegand is the 4th generation of the family Wiegand and is joint CEO of the Wiegand-Glas company along with his cousin, Nikolaus Wiegand. Oliver has spent his whole life with glass. He grew up in a house just a few steps away from their Steinbach



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am Wald plant and heard about glass every day from breakfast through to the evening. Most weekends his father, Konrad, took him to the plant and explained to him about the process, technologies and challenges of glass and from this Oliver's love of glass grew.

Today, Wiegand-Glas is one of the top container glass manufacturing companies in the world. This status is due to numerous attributes: the high quality glass it produces; its environmentally friendly plants; using low energy consumption and having low emissions and using the highest percentage of cullet in its manufacturing processes. Wiegand-Glas uses the most up-to-date technologies in their production lines, something which the company has pioneered all its life. The company is at the forefront of its industry working with suppliers to trial and develop new technologies. It was the first container plant to install and prove NIS machines, cullet and batch pre-heaters and the use of a low NOx melting furnace.

In addition to breaking new grounds, Mr. Wiegand has always been an active member of the IPGR (International Partner in Glass Research) from its foundation, and became Chairman of IPGR between 1998 and 2009 and has been deputy chairman since April 2016. He is Vice President of the Federal Association of German Glass Industry and Chairman of Container Glass committee since 2016 and Board member of FEVE since 2010. He was also selected this year as one of the four Panelists in the official opening of the 25th Glasstec exhibition in Düsseldorf to share the market situation with Glass Global players who were invited to this unique event from all over the world.

In recognition of his award, Oliver stated "I am very honored to be the winner of the Phoenix Award this year, as this award is like the Oscar of the glass industries. For this reason I would like to thank the people who had the most important role in my achievements. First, my Wife who supports me in all sequences of my life, then my cousin Nikolaus who is seated in front of me in the same office and supports me with his different ways of approach to overcome our daily challenges, and finally our valuable employees of Wiegand-Glas whom without them we would not be in this position ".

The Phoenix Committee chairman summed up the evening by announcing that " Oliver Wiegand is a most worthy and much deserved recipient of the 2018 glass person of the year ".