

## PRESS RELEASE

# Günter Göbel Newly Elected to Supervisory Board of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA

Gütersloh, July 9, 2018 – Günter Göbel (50), the new Chairman of the Corporate Works Council of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA, has been elected to the Supervisory Board of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA as an employee representative. The election took place today at an extraordinary general meeting of the company following his nomination by the Corporate Works Council. Göbel joins the board with immediate effect. He succeeds Helmut Gettkant, who retires in October after 42 years at Bertelsmann, 34 of them in various works council roles, and four years as Chairman of the Corporate Works Council of Bertelsmann, and had already stepped down from the Supervisory Board in May upon the expiry of his term of office at the end of the regular Annual General Meeting. Following Göbel's election, the Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA Supervisory Board continues to have five employee representatives.

Christoph Mohn, Chairman of the Bertelsmann Supervisory Board, says: “Günter Göbel knows Bertelsmann, our corporate culture of partnership, and our employees’ concerns very well. He has been with the company since his apprenticeship and has served on works councils for seven years. During this time, Günter Göbel has earned great respect. As the new Chairman of the Bertelsmann Corporate Works Council, he will enrich the board’s discussions. The Supervisory Board looks forward to a trustful working relationship for the benefit of the company.”

Günter Göbel, 50, is a Project Manager B2B at BFS Finance GmbH, an Arvato Financial Solutions (AFS) company based in Verl near Gütersloh. Born in Recklinghausen, he has lived in East Westphalia since 1978. After school, he trained as an industrial clerk at Bertelsmann, joined the Bundeswehr and returned to BFS Finance in 1990. He was first elected to the works council in 2011, and appointed to the Corporate Works Council three years later. Göbel is married and has three children.

### **The Supervisory Board of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA is now composed as follows:**

**Christoph Mohn**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Chairman of the Reinhard Mohn Foundation Executive Board, Managing Director Christoph Mohn Internet Holding GmbH, Shareholder Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

**Prof. Dr. Ing. Werner J. Bauer**, Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board, former Head of Innovation, Technology, Research and Development, Nestlé AG, Shareholder Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

**Kai Brettmann**, Chairman of the RTL Group European Works Council, Chairman of the Mediengruppe RTL Deutschland Corporate Works Council

**Dr. Thomas Buberl**, Chief Executive Officer AXA Group

**Murat Cetin**, Chairman of the Works Council, Arvato Direct Services Dortmund GmbH, Chairman of the General Works Council, Arvato CRM II

**Günter Göbel**, Chairman of the Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA Corporate Works Council

**Ian Hudson**, Chairman of the International Management Representative Committee of Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA, CEO Dorling Kindersley (DK)

**Bernd Leukert**, Member of the Executive Board of SAP SE

**Gigi Levy-Weiss**, Angel Investor

**Dr. Brigitte Mohn**, Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees, German Stroke Foundation, Member of the Executive Board, Bertelsmann Stiftung and Shareholder Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

**Liz Mohn**, Vice Chairwoman of the Executive Board, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Chairwoman of the Board, Bertelsmann Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

**Hans Dieter Pötsch**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Volkswagen AG, Chairman of the Executive Board and CFO, Porsche Automobil Holding SE

**Kasper Rorsted**, Chief Executive Officer, Adidas AG

**Christiane Sussieck**, Chairwoman of the Corporate Works Council, Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA, Vice Chairwoman of the Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA Corporate Works Council

**Bodo Uebber**, Member of the Executive Board, Daimler AG

#### About Bertelsmann

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