

## **Media Release**

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# GF Piping Systems joins Upcell Alliance to connect with stakeholders across the battery value chain

As a member of Upcell Alliance, GF Piping Systems is part of a European network focused on transforming the battery manufacturing landscape. The Swiss leading flow solutions provider adds its knowledge of lightweight and corrosion-free thermoplastic systems to the battery sector.

In the race to produce battery technology for a more sustainable future, the European Union is projected to reach a production capacity of around 1.4 TWh per year by 2030. To strengthen the EU's competitiveness on the global market, the non-profit association Upcell Alliance brings together actors across the battery value chain from machinery equipment to car manufacturers and universities. By leveraging local production capacities and skills as well as European and government funding, Upcell Alliance aims to transform the battery manufacturing landscape through innovation and cutting-edge sustainable solutions.

GF Piping Systems supports the battery production and recycling industry's efforts to become more efficient in applications including energy-efficient cooling, water treatment, chemical distribution, and process automation. In addition, the company is capable of supporting customers with planning and engineering, as well as 17 prefabrication facilities around the world.

Claude Laperiere, President of Upcell Alliance comments: "GF Piping Systems has established itself as a supplier of high-quality piping solutions across demanding industries. We are delighted to welcome the company as a member and look forward to a close collaboration on our one-stop networking platform."

Marthinus Venter, Global Head of Battery Production at GF Piping Systems, adds: "I believe that we will make a valuable contribution to the European battery market thanks to our extensive experience and our global presence. In the Upcell Alliance, we are part of a strong and dynamic network that will allow us to better support the local industry with sustainable materials, energy-efficient solutions, and innovative jointing and automation technologies."

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#### **GF Piping Systems**

As the leading flow solutions provider for the safe and sustainable transport of fluids, GF Piping Systems creates connections for life. The division focuses on industry-leading leak-free piping solutions for numerous demanding end-market segments. Its strong focus on customercentricity and innovation is reflected by its global sales, service, and manufacturing footprint and its award-winning portfolio, including fittings, valves, pipes, automation, fabrication, and jointing technologies. GF Piping Systems has its own sales companies in 33 countries, which means it is always by its customers' side. Production sites in 40 locations in America, Europe, and Asia ensure sufficient availability and quick, reliable delivery. In 2023, GF Piping Systems generated sales of CHF 2'1 bn and employed 8'798 people. GF Piping Systems is a division of Georg Fischer AG, founded in 1802 and headquartered in Schaffhausen, Switzerland.

#### **Pictures**

