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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: December 2003

SGL CARBON Aktiengesellschaft

(Name of registrant)

Rheingaustrasse 182
65203 Wiesbaden
Germany

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes No

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1. Press Release issued December 5, 2003 regarding Comprehensive Refinancing Plan.

EXHIBIT 1

SGL Carbon resolves strengthening of equity base and long-term capital measures/Ad hoc notification pursuant to ss.15, German Securities Trading Act

WIESBADEN, December 05, 2003. The Executive Committee of SGL Carbon AG has resolved, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to implement a comprehensive re-financing plan designed to strengthen the company's equity base and secure mid-/long-term financing. The financing plan consists of a capital increase and senior and subordinated debt. The total financing plan will generate proceeds of approximately (euro) 830 million and is expected to be completed in early to mid-February 2004. This financing plan is designed to provide SGL Carbon with a broad financial base.

SGL Carbon has called an extraordinary shareholders' meeting for January 15, 2004, to seek shareholder approval for the capital increase with subscription rights for shareholders. SGL Carbon has appointed an international bank syndicate to implement the capital increase and rights issue that has agreed to fully underwrite approximately 33 million shares at a minimum subscription price of (euro) 6 per share, subject to customary conditions. The minimum subscription price represents an approximately 50% discount to the volume weighted average share price of the last thirty days. The company expects to receive cash proceeds from this capital increase with subscription rights for shareholders in an amount of at least (euro) 200 million.

The senior debt will be comprised of a (euro) 330 million syndicated loan facility, which has a term of up to six years and will replace the syndicated facility that we established at the end of 2002. The subordinated debt is expected to be comprised of a long-term bond generating proceeds of up to (euro) 300 million which will be backstopped through a subordinated bridge loan facility. Subject to the successful completion of the capital increase and the fulfillment of customary conditions, the bank syndicate has committed to provide the funds under the new syndicated credit facility and to back up the subordinated debt with a bridge loan.

Information and explanations from the issuers for this ad-hoc announcement:

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Forward-looking statements:

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These statements reflect the current belief of SGL Carbon's management as well as assumptions made by, and information available to, the SGL Group. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. Actual future results and developments could differ materially from those set forth in these statements due to various factors. These factors include, among others, changes in the general economic and competitive situation, particularly in SGL Carbon's businesses and markets; changes resulting from acquisitions and the subsequent integration of companies; and changes resulting from restructuring measures. In addition, future results and developments could be affected by the performance of financial markets, fluctuations in exchange rates and changes in national and supranational law, particularly with regard to tax regulations. The company assumes no obligation to update future statements.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SGL CARBON Aktiengesellschaft

Date: December 5, 2003

By: /s/ Robert J. Kohler

Name: Robert J. Koehler
Title: Chairman of the Board of Management

By: /s/ Dr. Bruno Toniolo

Name: Dr. Bruno Toniolo
Title: Member of the Board of Management

